

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

29 May – 31 May 2012

Question: BET 1028-1032

Topic: Travel Costs (AOFM)

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

1028. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).
1029. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).
1030. Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed?
How is this monitored?
If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.
1031. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees?
If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.
1032. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them?
If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.

Answer:

1028. Nil.

1029. For the period from 1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012, the following travel expenditure was incurred.

Type	Amount
Domestic	
Fares	37,072
Allowances	36,904

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International	
Fares	96,779
Allowances	40,958
Total	211,713

These amounts are inclusive of accommodation, meals and incidentals. Alcohol, gifts and entertainment are not paid to staff and are not included in these figures. Our reporting system is not able to break down classes of travel – it should be assumed that all international travel is business class.

1032. Travel Services are provided by the Department of Treasury who follow the Best Fare of the Day guidelines.

1031. No.

1032. No support or administrative staff travelled with SES employees from 1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012.