

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Treasury Portfolio
 Budget Estimates 2014
 3 June to 5 June 2014

Department/ Agency: Productivity Commission

Question: BET 3074-3076

Topic: Travel Costs - Departmental

Reference: Written – 12 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

3074. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, 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).
3075. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, 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). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.
3076. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

Answer:

As at 12 June 2014:

3074. Nil.

3075.

Category	Amount (GST exclusive)
Domestic Travel Allowances	\$48,393
Domestic Airfares	\$90,155
Domestic Accommodation	\$17,467
Domestic Other Travel Costs	\$2,555
International Travel Allowances	\$3,062
International Airfares	\$14,038
International Accommodation	\$2,308
International Other Travel Costs	\$671
Airline Booking Fee	\$1,829
Whole of Government (WOG) Booking Fees	\$721
Taxi Charges	\$22,424
Total	\$203,623

The Commission does not record travel data in a way that would readily allow an answer to be provided in relation to type of airfare. To attempt to provide a greater level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of agency resources.

Travel was undertaken to meet business operational requirements.

3076. Planned travel is undertaken and approved by the delegate on a trip by trip basis.