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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Division/Agency: Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman

Question No: 201

Topic: Ombudsman travel, IT equipment and staffing

Reference: Written

Senator: Bilyk, Catryna

Question:

What is the total cost of flights for the Ombudsman's domestic travel since she took office?
What is the total cost of flights for the Ombudsman's international travel since she took office?

Is Ms Carnell permitted to travel in business class when flying domestically?

What class is Ms Carnell permitted to travel in when flying internationally?

What is the total cost of hotel accommodation in relation to Ms Carnell's domestic travel since she took office as Ombudsman? What hotels has she stayed at?

What is the total cost of hotel accommodation in relation to Ms Carnell's international travel since she took office as Ombudsman? What hotels has she stayed at?

What is the total amount of Travelling Allowance paid to Ms Carnell since she took office as Ombudsman?

What is the total cost of ground transport in relation to Ms Carnell's travel since she took office?

Is Ms Carnell entitled to use Comcar?

Is Ms Carnell entitled to a privately-plated vehicle at Commonwealth expense?

What is the total cost of meals and other incidentals for Ms Carnell since she took office as Ombudsman?

Is Ms Carnell provided with a mobile telephone at Commonwealth expense?

If so, what is the total cost of Ms Carnell's mobile telephone bills since she took office?

What type of mobile telephone has Ms Carnell been provided with?

Has Ms Carnell been provided with a laptop, ipad or other similar device?

Please provide an account of the staffing profile of the Office of the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman including:

- Number of staff;
- Position title for each staff member;
- APS level at which they are employed (eg APS5, EL1);
- Organisation chart.

Answer:

Note: All entitlements are determined by the remuneration tribunal.

What is the total cost of flights for the Ombudsman's domestic travel since she took office?

\$20,343 (all economy) – figure excludes GST and is calculated from commencement of the Ombudsman's office on 11 March 2016 until 31 October 2016.

What is the total cost of flights for the Ombudsman's international travel since she took office?

Nil

Is Ms Carnell permitted to travel in business class when flying domestically?

Yes, but Ms Carnell chooses to fly economy except on long flights.

What class is Ms Carnell permitted to travel in when flying internationally?

Business class, but Ms Carnell chooses to fly economy, except on very long flights.

What is the total cost of hotel accommodation in relation to Ms Carnell's domestic travel since she took office as Ombudsman? What hotels has she stayed at?

\$4,929 – Ms Carnell stays at hotels organised through the Treasury accommodation system. Figure excludes GST and is calculated from commencement of the Ombudsman's office on 11 March 2016 until 31 October 2016.

What is the total cost of hotel accommodation in relation to Ms Carnell's international travel since she took office as Ombudsman? What hotels has she stayed at?

Nil

What is the total amount of Travelling Allowance paid to Ms Carnell since she took office as Ombudsman?

\$3,698 – figure is calculated from commencement of the Ombudsman's office on 11 March 2016 until 31 October 2016.

What is the total cost of ground transport in relation to Ms Carnell's travel since she took office?

\$3,891 – Ms Carnell chooses to use buses, trams, taxis and her own vehicle where possible. Figure excludes GST and is calculated from commencement of the Ombudsman's office on 11 March 2016 until 31 October 2016.

Is Ms Carnell entitled to use Comcar?

No

Is Ms Carnell entitled to a privately-plated vehicle at Commonwealth expense?

No

What is the total cost of meals and other incidentals for Ms Carnell since she took office as Ombudsman?

Meals and incidentals are covered by the travel allowance. No separate reimbursement is sought for these items.

Is Ms Carnell provided with a mobile telephone at Commonwealth expense?

Yes

If so, what is the total cost of Ms Carnell's mobile telephone bills since she took office?

\$1,081 – figure excludes GST and is calculated from commencement of the Ombudsman's office on 11 March 2016 until 31 October 2016.

What type of mobile telephone has Ms Carnell been provided with?

iPhone 6

Has Ms Carnell been provided with a laptop, ipad or other similar device?

iPad

Please provide an account of the staffing profile of the Office of the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman including:

The attached organisation chart should be viewed alongside the answers immediately below and provides further detail –

- *Number of staff:*

The Office has an FTE allocation of 16 and is currently recruiting to that level. The office has a point in time headcount of 18 with some of those staff members being on contract, part-time and/or seconded.

- *Position title for each staff member:*

The Office has advocacy, assistance, communications and administrative staff. Position titles follow normal protocols of director and officer titling (for example, "Advocacy Director" and "Advocacy Officers").

- *APS level at which they are employed (eg APS5, EL1):*

Staff members in the Office range across APS levels and include APS4, APS5, APS6, EL1, EL2 and SES.

- *Organisation chart.*

