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Question No: 487

Topic: Revisions to Superannuation Package - Cost of briefings

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Senator: Gallagher, Katy

Question:

Senator GALLAGHER: It has been reported that the Treasurer held a series of briefings around the country, talking largely with his coalition colleagues, about the package following the election and the announcement of the revised package. Was Treasury involved in any of those briefings?

Ms J Wilkinson: Yes. We supported the Treasurer in that process.

Senator GALLAGHER: You attended those meetings around the country?

Ms J Wilkinson: Yes.

Senator GALLAGHER: Do you have a breakdown of the costs involved in that? You might take that on notice and come back to us.

Ms J Wilkinson: I am happy to take that on notice.

Senator GALLAGHER: Could you include which Treasury officials travelled with the Treasurer? I think the Assistant Treasurer was conducting consultations as well.

[...]

Ms J Wilkinson: We would only have the costs that pertain to the Treasury officials' travel. The ministers' travel is a matter for them.

Senator GALLAGHER: But the Assistant Treasurer was also undertaking consultations. If Treasury officials supported her, could that information be provided as well?

Ms J Wilkinson: Yes.

Answer:

The breakdown of costs for Treasury officials to support the Treasurer at briefings on the superannuation tax package is detailed in the table below. The Treasurer and the Minister for Revenue and Financial Services conducted these sessions jointly.

Officials	Airfares	Accommodation	Travel Allowance	Transport	TOTAL
Jenny Wilkinson*	\$6,223.51	\$1,099.09	\$1,030.55	\$419.45	\$8,772.60

* For some of the briefings, Ms Wilkinson was accompanied by one junior official. These costs are also included in the table.