

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Agency: AIATSIS

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000340

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

AIATSIS: Travel costs - department

Question

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. Is the minister or their office or their delegate required to approve all departmental and agency international travel?
2. If so, under what policy?
3. Provide a copy of that policy.
4. When was this policy implemented?
5. When is the minister notified, when is approved provided?
6. Detail all travel (domestic and international) 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).
7. 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.
8. What date was the minister or their office notified of the travel?
9. What date did the minister or their office approve the travel?
10. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

Answer

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) has provided the following response.

1. No
2. N/A
3. N/A
4. N/A
5. N/A
6. Nil
7. Total travel costs for AIATSIS employees and Council Members from 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016 were \$64,910 for airfares, \$58,222 for travel allowances and \$43,520 for other travel expenses. These figures include travel for non-employees, e.g. for NMA Encounters attendees etc.
8. N/A
9. N/A
10. N/A