

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Cross Portfolio

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000274

Senator Bilyk, Catryna provided in writing

Flights

Question

What was the Department's total expenditure on flights for departmental staff in calendar year 2016? Please provide the GST inclusive figure.

Are staff permitted to travel in business class when flying domestically? What about international travel?

Answer

- The Department of Education and Training's total expenditure on flights in the 2016 calendar year was \$2,286,459 (GST inclusive).
- Domestic travel is undertaken in accordance with the department's Domestic Travel Policy. Non-Senior Executive Service (SES) employees are entitled to economy class air travel within Australia.

SES, and employees in receipt of Temporary Performance Loading at the SES level, are entitled to business class domestic travel, except for travel within the Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne region. For travel within this region, the employee is only entitled to economy class airfares.

The department's International Travel Policy allows staff to travel business class on international flights.