

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

#### **Cross Portfolio**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-001559**

**Senator Bilyk provided in writing.**

#### **Question**

##### **Flights**

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's expenditure on flights for the 2016 calendar year was approximately \$1.8 million including GST.

Non-SES staff are generally not permitted to travel business class. SES can generally only consider business class travel where an individual flight or connecting flights exceeds 90 minutes.

Staff (SES and non-SES) are permitted to use business class for official international travel.