

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017

Agency – Australian Building and Construction Commission

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-001560

Senator Bilyk provided in writing.

Question

ABCC - Travel

What was the Commission's total expenditure on flights for staff since it was re-established? Please provide the GST inclusive figure.

Are ABCC staff and Commissioners permitted to travel in business class when flying domestically? Please provide the GST inclusive figure.

Are ABCC staff and Commissioners permitted to travel in business class when flying internationally? Please provide the GST inclusive figure.

What was the Commission's total expenditure on hotel accommodation for ABCC staff and Commissioners since it was re-established? Please provide the GST inclusive figure.

What was the Commission's total expenditure on Travelling Allowance for ABCC staff and Commissioners since it was re-established? Please provide the GST inclusive figure.

What was the Commission's total expenditure on ground transport for ABCC staff and Commissioners since it was re-established? Please provide the GST inclusive figure.

Answer

1. \$89,556 inc GST.
2. The Commissioner and ABCC staff at the SES level are entitled to travel in business class when travelling domestically. Non-SES staff are not generally permitted to travel in business class when travelling domestically. The total cost of business class travel from 2 December 2016 to 28 February 2017 is \$55,122 inc GST.
3. The Commissioner and ABCC staff are entitled to travel in business class when travelling internationally. No official international travel has been undertaken by the Commissioner or any other ABCC staff member since 2 December 2016.
4. The agency's total expenditure on hotel accommodation from 2 December 2016 to 28 February 2017 is \$79,061 inc GST.
5. The agency's total expenditure on travel allowance from 2 December 2016 to 28 February 2017 is \$32,376 (GST free) (excluding flights).
6. The agency's total expenditure on ground transport from 2 December 2016 to 28 February 2017 is \$20,702 inc GST.