

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM0460\_15**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**FWO - Travel costs**

"a) Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, detail all travel 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).  
b) Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, 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. c) What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel."

**Answer**

a. During the period 1 March to 31 May 2014, no Fair Work Ombudsman staff travelled with the Minister.

b. During the period 1 March to 31 May 2014, the Fair Work Ombudsman spent a total of \$801,385.35 on travel by Fair Work Ombudsman officers.

The table below provides a breakdown of costs:

| <b>Type of travel</b>   |  | <b>Cost (\$)</b> |
|-------------------------|--|------------------|
| Airfares Business class |  | \$68,270.04      |
| Airfares Economy class  |  | \$261,023.51     |
| <b>Airfares Total</b>   |  | 329,293.55       |
| Accommodation           |  | 198,833.02       |
| Meals                   |  | 155,852.78       |
| Taxis                   |  | 97,292.48        |
| Other                   |  | 20,113.52        |

c. It is not possible to provide details of planned business travel for the rest of the year. All travel undertaken by staff as part of operational business requirements. Staff travel is in accordance with the Fair Work Ombudsman's Domestic Travel Policy. The Fair Work Ombudsman's Travel Policy was tabled in February 2014 as part of a response to EM0323\_14.