

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Agency - Safe Work Australia

Department of Employment Question No. EM0461_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

SWA - 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) There was no travel undertaken by Safe Work Australia officers to accompany the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary.
- b) Since Additional Estimates in February 2014 (up to 30 June 2014) Safe Work Australia spent \$108,017 on domestic and overseas travel (excluding taxi costs). This amount includes:
- Domestic Airfares - \$55,554
 - Domestic Accommodation - \$15,228
 - Domestic meals and incidentals - \$5,274
 - Overseas Airfares - \$28,731
 - Overseas Accommodation - \$1,451
 - Overseas meals and incidentals - \$1,779

Travel costs incurred are necessary for staff to attend relevant work related meetings.

- c) Planned travel for the remainder of the calendar year is expected to be less than \$80,000 for domestic and international travel. There is one trip planned to Germany in August 2014 for one staff member to attend the XX World Congress on Safety and Health at Work.