

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2014-2015

Agency – Workplace Gender Equality Agency

Department of Employment Question No. EM0462_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing

Question

WGEA – Travel costs

- 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).
- 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.
- What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

Answer

- Nil.
- Since Additional Estimates in February 2014, the WGEA has spent \$9,348.25 on travel as per the breakdown outlined below.

Reason for travel	Total cost of travel	Airfare cost (and type)	Accommodation (Y/N) and cost	Meals cost	Other travel expenses
To run Agency workshop in Brisbane	\$554.42	\$262.57 Economy fares	\$173.00	\$100.65	\$18.20
To run Agency workshops in Brisbane	\$554.34	\$234.49 Economy fares	\$173.00	\$128.65	\$18.20
Speaking Engagement and meetings in Melbourne	\$562.94	\$562.94 Economy fares			
To attend meetings in Melbourne	\$1,087.63	\$1,087.63 Business class fares			
To run Agency workshops in Adelaide and Melbourne	\$759.25	\$395.75 Economy	\$144.00	\$201.30	\$18.20

To attend meetings in Melbourne	\$257.69	\$257.69 Economy fares			
To attend meetings in Melbourne	\$257.59	\$257.69 Economy fares			
Speaking engagement in Canberra	\$545.56	\$545.56 Economy fares			
To attend Machinery of Government meetings in Canberra	\$292.44	\$292.44 Economy fares			
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Speaking Engagements in Gold Coast	\$719.00	\$315.00 Economy fares	\$295.00	\$82.00	\$27.00
To run Agency workshops in Melbourne	\$483.89	\$314.89 Economy fares	\$169.00		
Speaking engagement in Melbourne	\$1,033.69	\$1,033.69 Business class			
To attend meetings in Canberra	\$626.12	\$626.12 Economy fares			
To run Agency workshops in Melbourne	\$500.31	\$250.46 Economy fares	\$174.00	\$75.85	
To attend meetings in Canberra	\$236.06	\$236.06 Economy fares			

c) The WGEA has the following travel planned for the remainder of the 2014 calendar year.

Travel planned	Reason for travel
June 2014: Sydney – Canberra return flights	WGEA Director to appear at Additional Estimates in Canberra
June 2014: Sydney – Melbourne return flights and 1 night accommodation	Consultation meetings in Melbourne
June 2014: Sydney – Brisbane return flights and 1 night accommodation	Consultation meetings in Brisbane
July 2014: Sydney – Melbourne return flights and 3 nights' accommodation	To attend a conference in Melbourne
July 2014: Sydney – Melbourne return flights and 1 night accommodation	Project consultation meetings in Melbourne
July 2014: Sydney – Melbourne return flights and 1 night accommodation	Project consultation meetings in Melbourne
July 2014: Sydney – Melbourne return flights and 1 night accommodation	Project consultation meetings in Melbourne
August 2014: Sydney – Melbourne return flights	To attend a conference in Melbourne
August 2014: Sydney – Melbourne return flights	To attend a conference in Melbourne
September 2014: Sydney – Adelaide return flights	To attend a conference in Adelaide
October 2014: Sydney – Canberra return flights	WGEA Director to appear at Supplementary Budget Estimates in Canberra
October 2014: Sydney – Melbourne return flights and 1 night accommodation	To run WGEA workshops in Melbourne
October Sydney – Melbourne return flights and 1 night accommodation	To run WGEA workshops in Melbourne
October 2014: Sydney – Brisbane return flights and 1 night accommodation	To run WGEA workshops in Brisbane
November 2014: Sydney – Adelaide return flights and 1 night accommodation	To run WGEA workshops in Adelaide
November 2014: Sydney – Perth return flights and 1 night accommodation	To run WGEA workshops in Perth
November 2014: Sydney – Canberra return flights	Project consultation meetings in Canberra
December 2014: Sydney – Adelaide return flights	To attend a conference in Adelaide