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Senator: Rhiannon

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Question:

Senator RHIANNON: ... 'Is it correct that the department receives report on travel patterns, and if that is the case, can they be released?'

Mr Sheridan: We do not receive reports on travel patterns; we receive all the travel data. That is where that \$427 million figure came from. We have all the flight data.

Senator RHIANNON: In that is it collated that there were so many trips to this destination, as well as the amounts?

Mr Sheridan: It can be collated.

Senator RHIANNON: Has it been collated?

Mr Sheridan: Not in the normal context. We would normally do that in the context of an approach to market where we want to establish with providers a particular way of doing something.

Senator RHIANNON: Can that data be released to the committee?

Senator Cormann: We will take on notice and assess what we can sensibly release without an excessive diversion of resources. We will consider what we can sensibly provide?

Answer:

The table below shows the top 10 domestic and international travel patterns:

2015-16	
Whole-of-Australian-Government Air Travel	
Top 10 City Pairs	
Domestic	Sectors
<i>Canberra - Sydney</i>	176,916
<i>Canberra - Melbourne</i>	164,584
<i>Brisbane - Canberra</i>	82,294
<i>Melbourne - Sydney</i>	73,813
<i>Brisbane - Sydney</i>	61,328
<i>Brisbane - Townsville</i>	42,216
<i>Adelaide - Canberra</i>	38,368
<i>Brisbane - Melbourne</i>	37,224
<i>Adelaide - Melbourne</i>	33,395
<i>Sydney - Perth</i>	25,107
International	Sectors
<i>Sydney - Los Angeles</i>	3,159
<i>Sydney - Singapore</i>	2,850
<i>Port Moresby - Manus Island</i>	2,694
<i>Sydney - Dallas/Fort Worth</i>	2,633
<i>Brisbane - Port Moresby</i>	2,366
<i>Sydney - Dubai</i>	2,243
<i>Cairns - Port Moresby</i>	1,921
<i>Sydney - Bangkok</i>	1,919
<i>Melbourne - Dubai</i>	1,873
<i>Melbourne - Singapore</i>	1,753