

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator Nova Peris

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Question:

Senator PERIS: So that \$86,000—was that the total cost of all those people who you spoke about during that time, or was there an additional cost for flights?

Ms Carroll: That was the additional cost. Those staff obviously had costs associated with travel but they were just part of the normal departmental costs, which we do not have a quantum for at this point.

Senator PERIS: Can you take that on notice?

Ms Carroll: We can take that on notice, yes.

Answer:

The Department does not record travel data in a way that would readily allow an aggregated travel cost for all staff involved to be provided to this question. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.