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Defence portfolios

Senator: Bilyk

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Question:

In relation to any international travel undertaken in 2015 by the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, the Minister for Women and Minister Assisting the Minister for the Public Service, the Cabinet Secretary, the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Digital Government, the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Counter-Terrorism, the Assistant Minister for Productivity, the Assistant Cabinet Secretary or the Assistant Ministers to the Prime Minister, current or former Ministers in the Social Services portfolio, and the Minister and Assistant Minister for Defence, can the following please be provided to the Senate:

- 1. A copy of the itinerary for each overseas trip;
- 2. An itemised list of the costs of each trip including the class of travel for any flights;
- 3. Copies of receipts for any food or beverages that the Minister consumed at taxpayer expense during each trip;
- 4. Copies of receipts for any self-drive hire cars or chauffeured services utilised by the Attorney-General during each trip;
- 5. Details of any spouse travel;
- 6. Copies of receipts for any other ground transport; and
- 7. Copies of receipts for any hotel accommodation.

Answer:

Copies of itineraries are not held by the Department.

Details of expenditure for costs related to official travel paid by the Department are published every six months in the report *Parliamentarians' Expenditure on Entitlements paid by the Department of Finance*. The six monthly report for 1 January to 30 June 2015 will be available in December 2015.