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**Senator:** Sterle

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**Question:**

**Senator STERLE:** ... On the afternoon of 1 September ... the member for Stirling, Mr Keenan, was on a flight between Canberra and Melbourne and landed in Melbourne. ... Could you tell us what flights the minister did take that afternoon? Do you want to take them on notice?

**Senator Ryan:** We do not have those details handy.

**Senator STERLE:** That is all right. I will ask them and I am happy for you to take them on notice.

**Senator RYAN:** We will take it on notice. Obviously, some of this material is normally released in the course of the six-monthly reports.

**Senator STERLE:** Absolutely. That will clear it up for me, but I will get you take it on notice anyway. Not only would I like to know what flights the minister took that afternoon, I would like to know what class the minister travelled in. I would like to know how much the minister's flight to Melbourne from Canberra cost the taxpayer. I would also like to know how much the minister's flight cost, if he did come back to Canberra from Melbourne. I would also like to know if the minister used Comcar services for travel that afternoon, including from Parliament House to Canberra airport and then from Canberra airport back to Parliament House, if he did. Then, if he left again that night, did he use Comcar from here back to Melbourne.

**Senator Ryan:** We will take that on notice.

**Senator STERLE:** Thank you very much. I can check the reports when they come out in December, too.

**Answers:**

1. *“... Could you tell us what flights the minister did take that afternoon?”*

The Minister travelled on QF0819 and QF0742.

2. *“... I would like to know what class the minister travelled in.”*

The Minister travelled in Business Class for both flights.

3. *“... I would like to know how much the minister's flight to Melbourne from Canberra cost the taxpayer. I would also like to know how much the minister's flight cost, if he did come back to Canberra from Melbourne.”*

Nil, as the Minister has repaid the costs of these flights.

4. *“... I would also like to know if the minister used Comcar services for travel that afternoon, including from Parliament House to Canberra airport and then from Canberra airport back to Parliament House, if he did.”*

The Minister accessed COMCAR for travel from Parliament House to Canberra airport. The Minister did not access COMCAR for travel from Canberra airport back to Parliament House.

5. *“...Then, if he again left that night, did he use Comcar from here back to Melbourne.”*

No.