

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 244

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 2014:

1. From 7 September 2013, 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).\
2. From 7 September 2013, 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.
3. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

1. National Manager International Deployment Group accompanied the Minister of Justice to Papua New Guinea on 18 – 20 February

<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Airfares (Business Class)	\$4,717
Accommodation*	\$926
Travel expenses	\$16

*Accommodation while in PNG estimated at \$338 per night (rate incurred on similar trip last year) as actual expenses are still being processed at DFAT post

2. Travel by Departmental officers for the period 1 December 2013 to 28 February 2014

<i>Description</i>		<i>Amount</i>
Overseas Airfares	Economy	\$1,038,575
	Business	\$69,231
Domestic Airfares	Economy	\$934,007
	Business	\$28,374
Accommodation		\$2,677,164
Overseas Meal Expenditure		\$64,672
Domestic Travel Allowance		\$1,824,383

For taxi fares and hire car costs please refer to the response to Senator Ludwig's 2013-14 Additional Estimates QoN Taxi Fares and QoN Hire Cars respectively.

The AFP does not record travel data in a way that would readily allow for the reason and brief explanation for each trip to be identified. To attempt to provide this level of detail would be an unreasonable diversion of AFP resources.

3. AFP travel for the rest of the calendar year will be dependent on the operational requirements including, but not limited to, missions, post related travel, investigations and protection of high office holders. Specific data on planned travel is not readily assessable.