

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

Agency: Australian Human Rights Commission

Question No. AE15/103

Senator Macdonald asked the following question at the hearing on 27 March 2015:

CHAIR: Thank you; that is what I wanted you to do. That completes my questions there, although Senator O'Sullivan might have some for the rest of my time, but I do have another area that I just want to briefly run to, which I think we gave you some notice of. Can you give me details of the overseas travel by commissioners in the last, say, 12 months to, let us say, the end of February 2015?

Ms Raman: I am happy to take that on notice. Would you like all commissioners?

CHAIR: Yes, all commissioners. Did we not give you notice that I would be asking these questions and ask that you have these details available?

Ms Raman: Not on international travel.

CHAIR: I understand—the secretary advises me—that there is sometimes some confusion, Mr Moraitis, in that the requests of the committee go to the department and then do not necessarily always go to the commission, but in the future we will correct that. I will just try and find out now. In those details, will you nominate them by individual commissioners on whose—

Ms Raman: I am happy to do so.

CHAIR: Would you also be able to give me the cost of those trips and what class of travel commissioners used.

Ms Raman: I am happy to do that.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: What class, destination—

CHAIR: Yes, that would be a good idea.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: and event?

CHAIR: My colleague rightly reminds me that I also include the president in the term 'commissioners', just in case the point is taken, as I think it has been in the past—the president and the commissioners.

Ms Raman: Sure. And would you like accommodation and travel?

CHAIR: It should be relative. Is there much of it? Is this a big request?

Ms Raman: No, it is not.

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

Details of the international travel cost for each commissioner from 1/3/14 – 28/2/15

Name	International airfares \$	International accommodation / allowances \$	International travel total \$	Destinations	Remark / Comment
President, Gillian Triggs	57,058.04	10,901.81	67,959.85	Official travel to Geneva, London, Manila, New Delhi, Jakarta, Hanoi, Hong Kong and Beijing	Including \$7,015.00 which were reimbursed by Asia Development Bank and United Nation Office in Geneva.
Commissioner, Elizabeth Broderick	37,225.41	9,710.39	46,935.80	Official travel to London, Brussels, Beijing, New York, Washington, Seoul, Dubai, Madrid, Hong Kong and Santiago	Including \$9,179.26 which is awaiting reimbursement from NATO. Most of Ms Broderick's international travel relates to the cultural change work with the Defence forces that is separately funded by the Department of Defence.
Commissioner, Tim Wilson	10,696.17	2,462.78	13,158.95	Official travel to Auckland, Hanoi, Hong Kong and Bangkok	Including \$602.97 which was reimbursed by The NZ Initiative.
Commissioner, Susan Ryan	3,694.59	620.00	4,314.59	Official travel to Bangkok.	Including \$1,774.44 which was reimbursed by APF.
Commissioner, Mick Gooda	209.89		209.89	NA	Booking and WOAG fees but the trip was later cancelled.
Commissioner, Graeme Innes	6,004.45	1,765.25	7,769.70	Official travel to Beijing	The cost was paid for by IPU under AusAID funding.