

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

Group: Written

Program: Whole-of-Portfolio

Question: BE14/156

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 26-29 May 2014:

1. From 7 September 2013, detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary
 - a. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip;
 - b. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and;
 - c. List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary.
2. 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:

- 1a. Provision of this information would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- 1b. The cost of ministerial travel is a matter for the Department of Finance.
- 1c. Provision of this information would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.
2. This information is not available.