

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017

Family Court of Australia

Question No. BE17-207

Senator Watt, Murray asked the following question on 18 August 2017:

Senator WATT: Ms Christie and Dr Fenwick, assuming travel arrangements had been made for the judges and their staff to attend that hearing, what costs were incurred because of the last-minute cancellation?

Ms Christie: I would have to take that on notice. My understanding is that at least one of the staff members was not one who would need to travel because they were a resident here. I am not sure whether the Chief Justice was, in any event, travelling. But I could take that on notice.

Dr Fenwick: I would have to do the same.

The response to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:

Family Court of Australia

No costs were incurred by the Family Court of Australia.

Federal Circuit Court

No costs were incurred as a result of the cancellation of attendance at the Parliamentary inquiry as both flights and accommodation were cancelled without penalty.