

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/375) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

With regards to the Minister's travel to Cambodia to sign the refugee resettlement MOU:

- Did the Minister travel by commercial aircraft or special purpose aircraft?
- If it was by commercial aircraft, what class of travel did the Minister fly in?
- How many members of the Minister's staff travelled with the Minister?
- Which members of the Minister's family travelled with the Minister?
- How many nights did the Minister stay?
- What was the cost of flights for the Minister and his party?
- What was the cost of accommodation for the Minister and his party?
- What was the cost of meals and other incidentals for the Minister and his party?

Answer:

The Minister travelled by commercial aircraft in business class, and stayed one night in Phnom Penh. The Minister travelled with two members of his staff, and no members of his family.

Departments do not have information about travel costs by ministers and parliamentary secretaries and MoP(s) Act staff as these arrangements are administered by the Department of Finance.