

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates October 2016

Agriculture and Water Resources

Question: 91

Division/Agency: Cotton Research and Development Corporation

Topic: Travel from Narrabri to Canberra

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Senator RICE asked:

Senator RICE: How much travel do your staff do from Narrabri to Canberra?

Mr Finney: On occasion. I have not actually calculated the number of times I have travelled to Canberra, other than for Senate estimates three times a year. I would have to take that one on notice.

Senator RICE: If you could take it on notice. Do you have trips to Canberra to meet with bureaucrats or to meet with the minister? How frequently do you do that and what is the cost to the organisation that Canberra travel entails?

Answer:

In 2015-16 there were a total of 33 trips to Canberra by staff and Board members:

- Nine trips were attributed to a board meeting held in Canberra in April 2016;
- two meetings were held with the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources; and
- no meetings were held with the Minister in Canberra.

The total cost was \$44 779.85(GST incl), including flights, accommodation, meals, taxi, etc.