

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

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**Question:** AET 291 - 294  
**Topic:** Travel Costs (ACCC)  
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**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

291. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.
292. Are employees taking the most direct route when travelling? If not, please explain why.
293. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the cost per employee.
294. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as their Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.

**Answer:**

291.

Airfares	
Airfares - Domestic Economy	528 159
Airfares - Domestic Business Class	589 402
Airfares - International Economy	14 324
Airfares - International Business Class	151 082
Total airfare cost	1 282 967

Accommodation	555 985
Travel allowance – Domestic (food)	323 295
Travel allowance – International (food and accommodation)	54 912

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292. Yes.
293. Yes. Nine SES level staff have their lounge membership paid for by the ACCC. The cost is \$275 per person.
294. No.