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Question: AET 2865-2867

Topic: Travel Costs (RAM)

Written: 5 March 2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

2865. From 7 September 2013, detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).
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2867. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

Answer:

2865. Not applicable to the Royal Australian Mint.

2866. Departmental Domestic/International Travel Costs Breakdown -7 September to 5 March 2014

Domestic Travel Costs

Expense Type	Amount
Airfare Cost	26,889.37
Accommodation Cost	57,710.11
Meals - Travel Allowance	18,666.40
Other - Incidental Cost	3,302.37
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	106,568.25

International Travel Costs

Airfare Cost	103,729.24
Accommodation Cost	46,159.86
Meals - Travel Allowance	27,046.29
Other - Incidental Cost	10,530.63
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	187,466.02

Total **294,034.27**

Expenses relating to Domestic and International Travel is managed and organised by The Treasury under the Whole of Australian Government approach to travel services

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arrangement. The department does not record travel data in a way that would readily allow an answer to be provided in relation to class of travel. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources. Travel was undertaken to meet business operational requirements.

2867. The Royal Australian Mint has the following travel plan from the 5 March to the 31 December 2014 to meet operational business requirements:

Dates	Country	Reason and Explanation
24 – 26 March	Papua New Guinea	Post tender negotiation of current PNG Coinage including coloured circulating coin. Coinage Reform Steering Committee Meeting Negotiate 2015 South Pacific Games numismatic Program. Negotiate 2015 South Pacific Games winners' medals, participant's medals and volunteer's medal.
9 – 21 May	Mexico	To attend the International Mint Directors Conference. The Chief Executive Officer to present a paper, attend conference sessions and participate in Mint Directors Internal Affairs meeting. The Royal Australian Mint will attend the conference sessions and participate in negotiations for business development.
June	Vanuatu	To negotiate a coinage reform program.
July	Solomon Islands Tonga	To negotiate a numismatic coin program for Solomon Islands and to negotiate a coinage reform program and a numismatic program for Tonga.
4 – 15 August	Chicago	To attend the American Numismatic Association coin Fair. RAM attends this annual event which brings about \$20,000 from the week event plus \$250,000 from event negotiations.
September	Helsinki	To attend the International Mint Directors Technical Committee Meeting. The Royal Australian Mint Chairs this Committee.
October	Papua New Guinea	Finalise arrangements for new coinage reform and numismatic coin program. Quality approval for 2015 South Pacific Games numismatic Program. Quality approval for 2015 South Pacific Games winners' medals, participant's medals and volunteer's medal.

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18 – 27 November	Beijing	To attend the Beijing Coin Fair. RAM attends this annual event which brings about \$200,000 from event negotiations. This event assists with negotiating innovative and high volume packaging materials in much cheaper price.
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