

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES

**TOPIC:** G'Day USA travel costs

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard 28/5/07, Page E86)

**QUESTION No. B1-113**

**Mr Noonan**—I am not aware of any costs that would be borne by this department or by Tourism Australia. Perhaps I should check on the question of ground transport costs. I am just not sure where the boundary line lies between DOFA responsibilities and Industry, Tourism and Resources responsibilities.

**Senator O'BRIEN**—If there has been ground transport, can you get us a breakdown of the costs—

**Mr Noonan**—Yes.

**Senator O'BRIEN**—for each item?

**Mr Noonan**—If there have been ground transport costs I can tell you what they are.

**Senator O'BRIEN**—For each ground transport event presumably?

**Mr Noonan**—I am not sure whether such detailed records would be available, but I will certainly provide what can be obtained.

**Senator O'BRIEN**—You will provide whatever is available?

**Mr Noonan**—Yes, I will provide what it is possible to obtain.

**Senator O'BRIEN**—If the department has paid for it. I am not asking you for something that you have not paid for. But if you have paid the bill you will know, will you not?

**Mr Noonan**—I understand.

**Senator O'BRIEN**—Question on notice 3947 asked the Minister for Small Business and Tourism about the minister's travel. An answer was provided as to airfares, travel advances, accommodation, ground transport and incidentals. Is there a reason why in this case we would need to ask the department of finance?

**Mr Noonan**—Can you give me the context of that question?

**Senator O'BRIEN**—It was in relation to a ministerial trip to London in March 2006 concerning Britain's Broadcast Advertising Clearance Centre's difficulties with the Tourism Australia 'So Where the Bloody Hell Are You' campaign.

**Mr Noonan**—We would have obtained that information from the department of finance to answer that question.

**Senator O'BRIEN**—It was not clear from the answer that that was the case, and nor does the answer make that clear, I might say. In this case the department does not have

that information, it is all held in the department of finance? Sorry, this is in the case of the G'day USA trip?

**Mr Noonan**—I am aware that there has been a question asked about G'day USA, and I am just not sure where we are up to as far as getting that information and preparing it goes. But we would follow a similar way to before. We would endeavour to answer that question by asking the department of finance if they were able to help us.

**Senator O'BRIEN**—I see. Thank you for that.

## **ANSWER**

During 11-22 January 2007, Minister Bailey and her media adviser were part of a travel party organised by Tourism Australia, which consumed ground transportation services in Los Angeles, New York and Washington.

The Department of Finance and Administration (Finance) pays for the travel expenses of Ministers and their staff based on invoices sent to them directly by the overseas posts. Finance has provided this Department with copies of invoices relating to the relevant trip. The invoices show daily charges and do not show individual ground transport events.

The following table of daily expenditure was calculated by the Department based on the invoices made available to the Department by Finance. It shows the proportion of each daily figure which is attributable to Minister Bailey and her adviser.

<b>Date</b>	<b>AUD\$</b>
11 January 2007	\$ 540
12 January 2007	\$ 326
13 January 2007	\$ 306
14 January 2007	\$ 443
15 January 2007	\$ 379
16 January 2007	\$ 528
17 January 2007	\$ 238
18 January 2007	\$ 770
19 January 2007	\$ 399
20 January 2007	\$ 326
	<b>TOTAL: \$ 4,256</b>