

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

31 May – 2 June 2011

Question No: BET 165

Topic: ATO - Travel Costs

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Senator Bushby asked:

How much has your department and portfolio agencies spent on travel to date this financial year?

Answer:

This response is limited to the ATO and does not include information relating to the broader Treasury portfolio.

As at 31 May 2011, the ATO (including the Tax Practitioners Board and the Australian Valuation Office) has spent \$40.7 million on travel related costs including \$14.8 million on airfares. Apart from the cost of airfares other travel costs include accommodation costs, travel allowance payments and taxi fares.

Travel expenditure represents approximately 1.4% of the ATO's total expenditure as at 31 May 2011 and equates to approximately \$1,800 per employee.