

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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Supplementary Budget Estimates 3 November 2005

**Outcome**

**Topic: TRAVEL COSTS—AIR FARES**

**SBT-98 Fielding**

Senator Fielding asked:

- a) How much money has the ATO spent on domestic airfares for each of the last three financial years?
- b) How much money has the ATO spent on overseas airfares for each of the last three financial years?
- c) How much money has the ATO spent on economy class domestic airfares for each of the last three financial years?
- d) How much money has the ATO spent on business class domestic airfares for each of the last three financial years?
- e) How much has the ATO spent on first class domestic airfares for each of the last three financial years?
- f) What would be the estimated financial year dollar saving if all public servants in the ATO travelled economy class for flights of less than one and a half hours duration?

**Answer:**

Table a indicates expenditure on air fares per class or destination over the last three financial years in answer to questions a) to e).

**Table a**

<b>Question reference</b>	<b>Class/Destination</b>	<b>2002-03</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>
a	Domestic Airfares	\$25,068,565	\$23,117,608	\$26,892,622
b	Overseas Airfares	\$1,052,125	\$1,055,083	\$967,473
c	Economy Class Domestic Airfares	\$19,982,419	\$17,863,911	\$20,142,994
d	Business Class Domestic Airfares	\$5,086,146	\$5,253,697	\$6,749,628
e	First Class Domestic Airfares	Nil	Nil	Nil

- f) It is not possible to produce the estimated savings with any degree of accuracy due to fare fluctuations that applied historically and without incurring significant resource costs.

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