

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS QUESTION**  
**(Supplementary Budget Estimates 20 October – 21 October)**

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Question: SBT 135

Topic: Travel Costs

Senator Bushby asked:

The 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed a whole-of-government coordinated procurement arrangements for travel and related services. How has this applied to your department and portfolio agencies? Please explain the changes that have occurred to your department and portfolio agencies in relation to its travel and related services.

Is purchasing of travel and related services less expensive under the new arrangements?

Is purchasing of travel and related services more efficient under the new arrangements?

Have savings been achieved in your portfolio because of the new arrangements?

How much did your department and portfolio agencies spend on travel in 2008-09, 2009-10 and to date this financial year.

How have staff within your department and portfolio agencies found the new arrangements? For example is it more efficient to arrange travel?

**Answer:**

The ACCC is a participant in the whole-of-government travel arrangements.

Arrangements have not changed significantly under the new framework as the ACCC has not yet undertaken the market test of the travel management provider panel which is required in the first 12 months of operation. The ACCC is scheduled to test the panel in mid 2010-11.

Savings applied to the ACCC funding under the new arrangements were calculated as follows:

2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	TOTAL
\$413,000	\$420,000	\$428,000	\$435,000	\$1,696,000

The ACCC spent \$2.2m in 2008-09, \$2.0m in 2009-10 and \$0.5m year-to-date in 2010-11 on air travel affected by the new arrangements.