

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: Travel Costs

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bushby

QUESTION No.: SI-167

1. For 2011-12, please 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).
2. For 2011-12, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).

ANSWER

Please refer to AI-241 and BI-195 for details on travel costs for the period 1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012. Details on travel costs for the period 1 June 2012 to 30 June 2012 is below.

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION (DIISRTE)

1. Nil.
2. Details on all travel for departmental officers for the period 1 June 2012 to 30 June 2012 is as follows.

	Domestic Cost \$ (GST exclusive)	Overseas Cost \$ (GST exclusive)
Airfares	880,400	553,179
Accommodation	285,921	81,090
Meals	77,103	133,356
Travel Expenses (such as incidentals)	330,716	13,814

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES (AIATSI)

1. Please refer to the response provided by DIISRTE.
2. AIATSI does not record travel data in a way that would readily allow answers to be provided to these questions, without an unreasonable diversion of Agency resources.

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE (AIMS)

1. Please refer to the response provided by DIISRTE.
2. Details on all travel for agency officers for the period 1 June 2012 to 30 June 2012 is as follows.

	Domestic Cost \$ (GST exclusive)	Overseas Cost \$ (GST exclusive)
Airfares	131,227	21,291
Accommodation	46,235	11,761
Meals	18,036	4,483
Travel Expenses (such as incidentals)	90,613	32,855

AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION (ANSTO)

1. Please refer to the response provided by DIISRTE.
2. Details on all travel for agency officers for the period 1 June 2012 to 30 June 2012 is as follows.

	Domestic Cost \$ (GST exclusive)	Overseas Cost \$ (GST exclusive)
Airfares	24,668	431,559
Accommodation	20,588	47,294
Meals (included in accommodation)	n/a	n/a
Travel Expenses (such as incidentals)	9,915	22,777

AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL

1. Please refer to the response provided by DIISRTE.
2. ARC officers undertook a total of 9 trips for the period 1 June 2012 to 30 June 2012 at a cost of \$19,534. The ARC does not record travel data in a way that would readily allow answers to be provided to the question, without an unreasonable diversion of Agency resources.

AUSTRALIAN SKILLS QUALITY AUTHORITY (ASQA)

1. Please refer to the response provided by DIISRTE.
2. Details on all travel for agency officers for the period 1 June 2012 to 30 June 2012 is as follows.

	Domestic Cost \$ (GST exclusive)	Overseas Cost \$ (GST exclusive)
Airfares	31,814	0
Accommodation	19,149	0
Meals	3,621	0
Travel Expenses (such as incidentals)	12,753	0

COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION (CSIRO)

1. Please refer to the response provided by DIISRTE.
2. CSIRO total cost of domestic and international travel for the period 1 June 2012 to 30 June 2012 is \$7,326,683. This includes fares and similar transport costs such as taxis and rental cars, and travel expenses such as accommodation and meals. The effective management of travel is the responsibility of each unit within the Organisation and as such the detailed data is not readily available. The Organisation can obtain the information at this level of detail however it would involve an unreasonable diversion of the Organisation's resources

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1. Please refer to the response provided by DIISRTE.
2. Details on all travel for agency officers for the period 1 June 2012 to 30 June 2012 is as follows.

	Domestic Cost \$ (GST exclusive)	Overseas Cost \$ (GST exclusive)
Airfares	17,537	45,468
Accommodation	29,402	39,017
Meals	8,384	Included in Accommodation
Travel Expenses (such as incidentals)	3,398	Included in Accommodation

TERTIARY EDUCATION QUALITY AND STANDARDS AGENCY (TEQSA)

1. Please refer to the response provided by DIISRTE.
2. Details on all travel for agency officers for the period 1 June 2012 to 30 June 2012 is as follows.

	Domestic Cost \$ (GST exclusive)	Overseas Cost \$ (GST exclusive)
Airfares	38,422	0
Accommodation	4,158	0
Meals	140	0
Travel Expenses (such as incidentals)	10,865	0