

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio  
Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing 2012-13  
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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.

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

## **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES (AIATSIS)**

1. Please refer to the response provided by DIISRTE.
2. AIATSIS 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.

	<b>Domestic Cost \$ (GST exclusive)</b>	<b>Overseas Cost \$ (GST exclusive)</b>
<b>Airfares</b>	131,227	21,291
<b>Accommodation</b>	46,235	11,761
<b>Meals</b>	18,036	4,483
<b>Travel Expenses (such as incidentals)</b>	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.

	<b>Domestic Cost \$ (GST exclusive)</b>	<b>Overseas Cost \$ (GST exclusive)</b>
<b>Airfares</b>	24,668	431,559
<b>Accommodation</b>	20,588	47,294
<b>Meals (included in accommodation)</b>	n/a	n/a
<b>Travel Expenses (such as incidentals)</b>	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. ASQA officers undertook a total of 408 trips at a cost of \$674,835. Details on all travel for agency officers for the period 1 June 2012 to 30 June 2012 is as follows.

	<b>Domestic Cost \$ (GST exclusive)</b>	<b>Overseas Cost \$ (GST exclusive)</b>
<b>Airfares</b>	375,146	0
<b>Accommodation</b>	149,776	0
<b>Meals</b>	28,406	0
<b>Travel Expenses (such as incidentals)</b>	121,507	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

## IP AUSTRALIA

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.

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

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