

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

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Senator Harradine asked on 18 February 2004, EWRE Hansard pp. 37.

Question:

Senator HARRADINE – Can you ask the Stem Cell Centre for specific details of expenditure on travel?

Mr HARPER – Yes, we will do that.

Answer:

Stem Cell Centre travel expenditure

The ARC has provided the following response:

The NSCC advises that, since its inception, it has not funded any travel to or from South Korea, nor have any NSCC employees travelled to South Korea during this period.

The total travel expenditure including airfares, accommodation and incidentals (conference costs, hire car, taxis, meals etc) for the period July 2002 to February 2004 was \$193,000 comprising \$109,000 domestic travel and \$84,000 overseas travel.

Between July 2002 and February 2004, the NSCC paid for 184 person-trips. Of these, 102 person-trips were conducted by NSCC employees and its professional advisors, and 82 person-trips were conducted by representatives of stakeholders and potential scientific collaborators. Of the total amount of person-trips, 162 were within Australia and 22 were in respect of international destinations. Of the total person-trips, 144 were related to establishment of the Centre, conduct of the research strategy due diligence process and business development - 40 person-trips were related to promotion of the Centre at national and international conferences.