

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING
19 FEBRUARY 2004**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome: Corporate

Question Number: W347-04

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

- (a) What was the total cost of staff overseas trips for DEWR in 1996-97, 1997- 98, 1998-99, 1999-00, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 to date?
- (b) Please provide a breakdown on the cost of expense reimbursements, accommodation allowances, food allowances and airflights for each of these trips.

Answer:

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations was created in November 2001. The data is therefore provided for the financial year 2002–2003, and for 2003–2004 to date.

- (a) The total cost of staff overseas trips for:
 - 2002 – 2003 \$206 421.28
 - 2003 – to date \$115 105.63

- (b) The information requested is unavailable in a readily retrievable form. It would involve a substantial and unreasonable diversion of resources from other activities to compile the information as requested. A summary of the expenses for these trips is as follows:

Financial year	Expense reimbursements	Accommodation	Food	Flights	Total
2002–2003	\$15 252.79	\$35 855.68	\$4 727.32	\$150 585.49	\$206 421.28
2003–2004 to date	\$2 376.00	\$13 221.00	\$1 776.00	\$97 732.63	\$115 105.63