

**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: W348-04

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

- (a) What was the total cost of staff domestic 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 domestic trips for:
 - 2002 – 03 \$5,170,442.41
 - 2003 – to date \$3,216,780.26

(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	Airfares	Travel allowance	Accommodation and meals	Total
2002-03	3,387,682.97	704,476.93	1,078,282.51	5,170,442.41
2003-current	2,250,969.22	150,754.98	815,056.06	3,216,780.26