

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-05 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** All  
**Output Group:** All

#### DEST Question No. E861\_05 & E818\_05 (request for updates)

Senator Carr provided in writing:

*Refers to DEST Question Nos. E1008\_04 and E282\_05*

#### **Question:**

What was the total cost of domestic trips of staff for DEST (including a breakdown on the cost of accommodation allowances, food allowances and airflights) updated to 28 February 2005?

#### **Answer:**

Cost of Domestic Trips for DEST Staff and predecessor Department (DETYA) from 1 July 1999 to February 2005.

Period <sup>(1)</sup>	Airflights	Travel Allowance <sup>(3)</sup>	Other <sup>(4)</sup>	Total <sup>(6)</sup>	Cost of Travel/ASL
1999-2000	\$2,310,675	\$1,581,248	\$525,053	\$4,416,976	\$3,245
2000-2001	\$1,874,468	\$1,463,120	\$561,345	\$3,898,933	\$2,833
2001-2002 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$2,564,554	\$1,519,774	\$368,327	\$4,452,655	\$3,241
2002-2003	\$2,740,513	\$1,718,758	\$516,542	\$4,975,813	\$3,489
2003-2004 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$3,324,436	\$2,117,128	\$649,642	\$6,091,206	\$3,550
2004-2005 (YTD Feb)	\$2,051,604	\$1,321,146	\$312,205	\$3,684,955	\$2,055

#### **Notes**

- (1) Information prior to 1999-2000 would involve the detailed interrogation of the Department's previous financial management system. This would be a significant diversion of resources.
- (2) The Department of Education, Science and Training was created on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2001
- (3) These figures include: accommodation, meals and incidentals.
- (4) These figures include: car hire costs (including taxis, short term hire and allowances for officers using own vehicles) and family care expenses.
- (5) The department assumed responsibility for Questacon on 1 July 2003 from the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- (6) An analysis of the increase in domestic travel expenditure between the 01-02 to 03-04 financial years was provided in response to question on notice no. E269\_05.