

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 3

Output Group: 3.3 – Support for the Australian education and training export industry and international relationships

DEST Question No. E418_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Refers to DEST Question Nos. E865_05, E291_05, E292_05, E1014_04, E1015_04

Question:

Please provide an update to E865_05: How many overseas trips were taken by employees in DEST updated to 30 June 2006? What were the final destinations of these overseas trips?

Answer:

Overseas trips for DEST staff

Below is the expenditure on overseas travel for the period 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006.

2005 - 2006	Trips	2005 - 2006	Trips
Austria	1	Korea	3
Belguim	2	Malaysia	4
Brazil	3	Mexico	3
Canada	1	Netherlands	1
Chile	3	New Zealand	15
China	11	Pakistan	2
Denmark	2	Papua New Guinea	1
Dubai	2	Philipines	1
Fiji	1	Samoa	1
France	3	Singapore	3
Germany	2	Solomon Islands	1
Iceland	1	Sweden	1
Ireland	1	Thailand	4
India	5	United Kingdom	2
Indonesia	3	USA	13
Japan	1	Vietnam	4
		Total Trips	101

Breakdown of Total Costs

Total Allowances (meals and incidentals)	\$64,595
Total Airfares	\$492,370
Total Accommodation	\$70,444
Other costs (car hire, taxis, etc)	<u>\$5,540</u>
	<u>\$632,949</u>