

# Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

### Budget Estimates 2011-2012

**Agency - Safe Work Australia**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0051\_12**

**Senator Abetz provided in writing.**

#### **Question**

##### **International Travel**

For all international travel between 1 July 2010 to date please provide the following:

- a. A breakdown of those travelling?
- b. The dates, locations and business reason for each trip?

Please provide a list of all Memberships of International research organisations.

#### **Answer**

*Safe Work Australia has provided the following response:*

The following information is provided for international trips undertaken by officers of Safe Work Australia during the period 1 July 2010 to 15 June 2011:

- Ms Caroline Reid, Director, Hazards Team, Work Health and Safety Branch, Safe Work Australia travelled to Geneva, Switzerland from 5–12 December 2010 as Head of the Australian delegation to the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals. The delegate provides the Australian Government position on chemicals issues for all agencies responsible for chemicals management in Australia.
- Mr Rex Hoy, CEO, Safe Work Australia and Ms Amanda Grey, Branch Manager, Strategic Policy Branch, Safe Work Australia travelled to Europe from 28 January 2011 to 12 February 2011. The purpose of the travel was to present a paper on Australia's National OHS Strategy 2002–2012 at a 2 day Strategy Conference in Dresden, Germany as well as meetings with OHS agencies and experts in England, Amsterdam and Helsinki.
- Dr Howard Morris, Assistant Director, Substances Team, Work Health and Safety Branch, Safe Work Australia undertook two overseas trips during the period in question. The first one was to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 4–11 December 2010. The purpose of the trip was to attend the International Standards Organisation's Nanotechnology Technical Committee (TC229) meeting in the capacity as Acting Head of the Australian Delegation. The second trip was from 13–29 May 2011 and took in St Petersburg, Russia, Liverpool, England and Dortmund, Germany. The purpose of the first leg of the trip to St Petersburg, Russia was to attend the International Standards Organisation's Nanotechnology Technical Committee (TC229) meeting in the capacity as Head of the Australian delegation. The second and third legs involved meetings with the British Health and Safety Executive and the German Federal Institute for Safety and Health on nanotechnology work health and

safety issues and associated matters.

Safe Work Australia pays for membership to the following two international research associations:

- Workers' Compensation Research Institute
- International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commission.