

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: All

Output Group: All

DEST Question No. E507_06 - E512_06

Senator Fielding provided in writing.

Question:

1. How much money has the portfolio spent on domestic airfares for each of the last three financial years?
2. How much money has the portfolio spent on overseas airfares for each of the last three financial years?
3. How much money has the portfolio spent on economy class domestic airfares for each of the last three financial years?
4. How much money has the portfolio spent on business class domestic airfares for each of the last three financial years?
5. How much has the portfolio spent on first class domestic airfares for each of the last three financial years?
6. What would be the estimated financial year dollar saving if all public servants in the portfolio travelled economy class for flights of less than one and a half hours duration?

Answer:

Cost of Airfares

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1	\$15,779,038	\$17,414,326	\$18,074,604
2	\$6,899,845	\$7,630,466	\$7,532,906
3	\$13,618,163	\$14,819,796	\$15,132,226
4	\$2,160,875	\$2,594,530	\$2,942,378
5	Nil	Nil	Nil
6⁽ⁱ⁾	\$241,819	\$220,055	\$184,668

Note (i): The estimated saving is based on information provided by travel services providers Qantas Business Travel (to 30-03-04) and TQ3Navigant (from 01-04-04).

The total expenditure reported above includes expenditure for ongoing employees as well as non-ongoing employees, consultants and other individuals, for example members of a committee or advisory board.