

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

**Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations & Economic Strategy**

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**Senator Abetz provided in writing.**

**Question**

**International Labour Organisation**

1. What is the annual cost of the delegation to the International Labour Organisation?  
a. Please provide a break down. 2. What is the annual cost of renting a house in Geneva for use of the delegation to the International Labour Organisation? a. Are there staff associated with the house to provide services such as cleaning, cooking or other domestic duties? i. If so, what is the cost of these staff? b. How many rooms does the house have? c. How many rooms are occupied on a full time basis?

**Answer**

1. For the 2010-2011 financial year, the cost of maintaining the position of Minister Counsellor (Labour) in Geneva, Switzerland (who represents the Australian Government at the International Labour Organisation) was AU\$958,633. The breakdown of this cost is as follows:

- Supplier expenses: AU\$315,241 (includes IT, travel, residential property expenses and other administration)
- Employee expenses: AU\$643,392 (includes salaries, superannuation, overseas living allowances and other employee-related expenses)

The conditions and allowances associated with the position of Minister (Labour) are in line with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade *Human Resource Manual, vol. 2, Overseas Conditions of Service*.

2. The Department rents an apartment in Geneva for the use of the person fulfilling the position of Minister (Labour) in Geneva, Switzerland. The annual cost of renting this apartment is AU\$131,000.

There are no staff associated with the house to provide services such as cleaning, cooking or other domestic duties.

The apartment has four bedrooms. Three bedrooms are occupied on a full-time basis and the fourth is used as a study.