

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Department of Human Services

Additional Estimates February 2005

Question: HS27

Outcome 1, Output 1.1 - Effective delivery of Australian Government services to eligible customers

Topic: Domestic Travel

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Senator Evans asked on 15 February 2005:

(1) What was the total cost of all domestic travel by Centrelink staff in each of the last five financial years?

(2) Please provide a breakdown on the cost of accommodation allowances, food allowances and airflights.

Answer

(1) and (2) A breakdown of the cost of domestic travel by accommodation allowances, meals, incidentals and other allowances, and airflights is:

Financial Year	Accommodation (1)	Meals, incidentals, other allowances (1)	Airfares	Total
1999-00	Not available separately	\$13.266 M	\$2.660 M Jan-Jun 2000 only	\$15.926 M
2000-01	Not available separately	\$12.288 M	\$6.813 M	\$19.101 M
2001-02	\$5.665 M	\$7.436 M	\$6.129 M	\$19.230 M
2002-03	\$6.560 M	\$7.401 M	\$10.690 M	\$24.651 M
2003-04	\$7.937 M	\$8.895 M	\$8.948 M	\$25.780 M

Note: 1. The costs for meals, incidentals, other allowances and accommodation cover all forms of travel and not just air travel.