

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-13**

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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**Topic:** Travel Costs

**Senator:** Ryan

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**Question:**

**Senator RYAN:** Sure. Similarly, in an answer provided on notice following the supplementary budget estimates in October, you reported that \$1,577,893 was spent on travel in 2011-12. Yet, I understand that in the previous year, 2010-11, the ANAO spent \$1.081 million on travel. It does represent about a half-million dollar increase, which, as a 50 per cent jump, strikes me as fairly significant. It is probably more about what might happen with a change of audit. I was wondering why it increased so much? Was it just the audit schedule requiring more travel?

**Mr McPhee:** I agree with you. It does seem like an increase.

**Senator RYAN:** It could be that it is counted differently; I appreciate that.

**Mr McPhee:** I have one of our colleagues, Mitch Frost, with us but he was not in his role as CFO at the time. Unless Mitch is giving me a signal that he knows the answer, I think we should take that on notice as well.

**Answer:**

The \$1.081 million provided in the ANAO Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-12 omitted an amount of \$0.271 million related to international travel. The total ANAO travel costs for 2010-11 was \$1.352 million (disclosed on page 103 of the ANAO Annual Report 2010-11).

The increase from \$1.352 million in 2010-11 to \$1.578 million in 2011-12 mainly relates to increased domestic travel for financial statement audit activity and additional international travel including audit activity for Christmas Island and Norfolk Island.