

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES – 29 MAY 2008

Human Services Portfolio



Department/Agency: Department of Human Services
Outcome/Output Group: Outcome 1, Output 1
Topic: Overseas travel

Senator: Coonan

Question reference number: HS47

Type of question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 11 July 2008

Question:

HS47a: Has the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary travelled overseas on official business since appointment?

If so, where was the travel and what was the duration?

HS47b: What was the total cost of:

- travel
- accommodation, and
- any other expenses?

HS47c: How many Ministerial staff or family accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary?

HS47d: For these staff/family what was the cost of:

- travel
- accommodation, and
- any other expenses?

HS47e: How many officers from the Department accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary?

HS47f: In relation to these Departmental officers, what was the total cost of:

- travel
- accommodation, and
- any other expenses?

Answer:

HS47a: Yes. The Minister travelled to New Zealand for three days in August.

HS47b: The costs associated with the Minister's travel are met by the Department of Finance and Deregulation. Due to the recent nature of the travel, final costs are not yet available.

HS47c: One.

HS47d: The costs associated with Ministerial staff travel are met by the Department of Finance and Deregulation. Due to the recent nature of the travel, final costs are not yet available.

HS47e: One.

HS47f: Due to the recent nature of the travel, final costs are not yet available.

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