

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

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Topic: Electorate Staff Travel Budget

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Senator Parry asked:

Also, is the formula identical for members and senators, or is there a difference between them?

Answer:

There is no difference between Senators and Members' budgets in calculating the components of the Electorate Staff Travel Budget in relation to airfares, Travelling Allowance, taxi fares and Motor Vehicle Allowance. The intra-electorate component of the Electorate Staff Travel Budget varies for Senators and Members as follows:

Senator or Member	Electorate Size	Amount
Member	0-199 km ²	\$300
Member	200-999 km ²	\$500
Member	1,000-9,999 km ²	\$700
Member	10,000-99,999 km ²	\$1,000
Member	100,000-199,999 km ²	\$5,000
Member	200,000-499,999 km ²	\$7,000
Member	500,000 km ² or greater	\$9,000
Senator	All except Northern Territory	\$500
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