

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Department of Finance and Administration**

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2006

**Question: F20**

**Outcome 3, Output 3.1**

**Topic: Electorate Staff Travel Budget**

**Hansard: F&PA 43**

**Senator Parry asked:**

You indicated that the intrastate and interstate travel for electorate staff is determined a little on geographical location and size of electorate—in particular the intrastate travel. I would like to know what the formula is. Is it five nights a year or 20 nights a year? What is that based upon when staff are away from the electorate base?

**Answer:**

The Electorate Staff Travel Budget is calculated at the commencement of each financial year.

The component for intra-electorate travel is as follows:

Senator or Member	Electorate Size	Amount
Member	0-199 km <sup>2</sup>	\$300
Member	200-999 km <sup>2</sup>	\$500
Member	1,000-9,999 km <sup>2</sup>	\$700
Member	10,000-99,999 km <sup>2</sup>	\$1,000
Member	100,000-199,999 km <sup>2</sup>	\$5,000
Member	200,000-499,999 km <sup>2</sup>	\$7,000
Member	500,000 km <sup>2</sup> or greater	\$9,000
Senator	All except Northern Territory	\$500
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The intra-electorate component takes into account all travel within the electorate.

There is no separate calculation for Travelling Allowance within the electorate.