

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2010
ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

Program 1: Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

Topic: Travel Costs

Senator: ABETZ

Question reference number: PM131

Type of Question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 3 December 2010

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Answer:

- a) Travel policy and procedures have been updated to reflect changes in the process for booking air travel.
- b) New, lower rates of air travel are available and are being utilised.
- c) Air travel procurement is neither more nor less efficient
- d) Minor costs savings have been noted. Comparative data is not recorded.
- e) 2008-09 \$284,581
 2009-10 \$132,124
 2010-11 year-to-date \$182,942
- f) Air travel procurement is neither more nor less efficient.