

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARINGS

PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET PORTFOLIO

Department/Agency: Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

Outcome: 1

Topic: Travel Costs

Senator: ABETZ

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- a) The 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed a whole-of-government coordinated procurement arrangements for travel and related services. How has this applied to your department and portfolio agencies? Please explain the changes that have occurred to your department and portfolio agencies in relation to its travel and related services.
- b) Is purchasing of travel and related services less expensive under the new arrangements?
- c) Is purchasing of travel and related services more efficient under the new arrangements?
- d) Have savings been achieved in your portfolio because of the new arrangements?
- e) How much did your department and portfolio agencies spend on travel in 2008-09, 2009-10 and to date this financial year.
- f) How have staff within your department and portfolio agencies found the new arrangements? For example is it more efficient to arrange travel?

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Answer:

- a) Not applicable. The Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government (Regional Australia) was established on 14 September 2010.
- b) Not applicable.
- c) Not applicable.
- d) Not applicable.
- e) The Department spent \$58,000 on travel during the month of October 2010.
- f) Not applicable.