

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet

Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office

Outcome/Program:

Topic: Travel Costs

Senator: Ryan

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Question:

1. For the year 2010-11, please detail all travel (itemised separately,) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.
2. For the year 2010-11, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.
3. For the year 2010-11, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.
4. For the year 2010-11, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.
5. For the FYTD, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.
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Answer:

- Q 1: None
Q 2: None
Q 3: None

- Q 4: In aggregate terms the ANAO spent \$1.081 million on travel during 2010-11. Of that, \$0.931 million related to audit travel and \$0.150 million related to travel associated with audit related responsibilities such as attendance at Supreme Audit Institute meetings, conferences etc.

Business class travel is only permitted by SES officers when travelling domestically and for all staff when undertaking international travel. The Auditor-General also travels business class internationally.

The ANAO provides staff with a travel allowance for domestic travel, the details of which are included in the Enterprise Agreement. The Agreement allows for \$170 per night for accommodation and \$120 per day for meal allowances. Under the ANAO procedural rules expenditure on gifts and entertainment is minimal. International travel is fully acquitted.

- Q 5: Nil
Q 6: Nil
Q 7: Nil

- Q 8: In aggregate terms the ANAO FYTD expense on travel is \$0.528 million. Of that, \$0.431 million related to audit related travel and \$0.096 million related to travel associated with non audit responsibilities such as attendance at Supreme Audit Institute meetings, attendance at conferences etc.

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