

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

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Question: 172

Topic: Travel Costs - Minister and Ministerial Staff - 2010-11

Asked By: Senator RYAN

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- a) 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.

- b) 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.

Answer:

Costs of official overseas travel by Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries and accompanying staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* are paid for by the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance).

Details of Parliamentarians expenditure on entitlements is reported every six months in a report *Parliamentarians' Expenditure on Entitlements paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation* which can be accessed at www.finance.gov.au/publications/parliamentarians-reporting.