Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2012
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 2011-12
Senator: Ryan
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For 2011-12, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).

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Answer:

N/A

A small number of Office employees travel to support the Governor-General's official program. The vast majority of travel is accompanying the Governor-General on the RAAF Special Purpose Aircraft, details of which are published in Parliament every six months. There is also occasional domestic travel, mostly to Sydney by road or air to support official events at Admiralty House. Total travel costs for the Office as well as details of all overseas travel are published in the Office's Annual Report. All details of the Governor-General's domestic program are published on the Office's website at www.gg.gov.au. There is only occasional official travel by employees that does not relate to the Governor-General's official program. Itemised trip expenditure for each staff member is not readily available. It would be considered an unreasonable diversion of resources to compile such information.