

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/113) - Internal program

Senator Humphries asked:

For the financial year to date, 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.

Answer:

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The following table itemises the travel expenses for the financial year to date, 31 January 2012.

	FYTD 31 January 2012 \$'000
Domestic	
Fares	6 432
Accommodation & Allowances	12 646
Total	19 078
International	
Fares	1 624
Accommodation & Allowances	1 222
Total	2 846
Other Costs	
Taxi fares	1 186
Vehicle costs	1 529
Total	2 715
Total of all travel expenditure	24 639

- All staff who are required to undertake domestic travel on behalf of the department must travel economy class unless there is a business case or entitlement to travel business class.
- All staff who are required to undertake international travel on behalf of the department are entitled to travel business class.

To attempt to provide an itemised list of travel expenses including security, gifts, entertainment, would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

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The following table itemises the travel expenses for the financial year to date, 31 January 2012.

	FYTD 31 January 2012 \$'000
Travel	
Fares	85
Allowances	45
Total	130

- All tribunal staff and members are encouraged to travel economy class - the 'lowest practical fare' which suits the practical business needs of the traveller. Members and some officers are entitled to travel business class, however the bulk of travel is by economy class.
- Staff and members are responsible for booking their own accommodation and are paid a travelling allowance which includes an accommodation component. For members, this is as determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.