

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0115) Program: Internal Product

Senator Humphries asked:

Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge member of lounge membership and the cost per employee.

Answer:

Department of Immigration and Citizenship

The department's Travel Policy states that if an official is required to fly regularly (eight or more times a year) and there is a business need, a delegate may approve an airport corporate lounge membership for that official.

The following table itemises the classifications for staff that hold a Corporate Lounge Membership, as at 31 January 2012.

Classification	Number of Memberships
APS 4-6	133
Executive Level 1-2	278
Legal Officers	11
Public Affairs Officers	4
Medical Officer 4	1
SES	75
Secretary	1
Total	503

The Department's lounge membership rates for both Virgin and Qantas are listed below:

Annual Virgin Lounge Membership is \$249.00 – no joining fee

Annual Qantas Lounge Membership is \$275.00 – plus one off joining fee of \$210.00

Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal

The Tribunals' policy is that airline memberships can be provided to those required to travel on a regular and ongoing basis.

The cost per employee ranges from \$375 to \$655 for two-year memberships, depending on whether a joining fee is included and the year joined.

The following table itemises the classifications for MRT/RRT staff that hold a Corporate Lounge Membership, as at 31 January 2012.

Classification	Number of Memberships
EL1	1
SES Band 2	1
Senior Members	4
Deputy Principal Member	1
Total	7