

Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates February 2013

Infrastructure and Transport

Question no.: 106

Program: 2.4

Division/Agency: (MCU) Major Cities Unit

Topic: Coordination with relevant entities on city planning issues

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Senator FAWCETT asked:

Senator FAWCETT: The chair is snapping at my heels so I will put these on notice. Could you provide the committee with an indication of what input you have had to date to the NASAG process and plan to have into the future? Also, what you are feeding back to your counterparts in state and I assume local government associations around planning so that when issues are raised, rather than just assuming the New South Wales government is doing its job, you can be feeding back that there are parts of government that think perhaps they are not and seeking that response? If you can give us that on notice then that would be good.

Answer:

The Major Cities Unit and the Aviation and Airports Division work closely on relevant issues including the Department's input to the National Airports Safeguarding Advisory Group. The Department's relationship with that Group is managed by the Aviation and Airports Division. The Major Cities Unit also works with its State and Territory counterpart agencies and the Australian Local Government Association, through the Cities Working Group of the Transport and Infrastructure Senior Officials' Committee, to foster a consistent approach to planning issues across all jurisdictions.

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Topic: MCU Travel

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Senator NASH asked:

1. Please provide the Major Cities Unit's budget and expenditure to date for travel and travel related expenses in 2012-13
2. Please provide the Major Cities Unit's budget for travel and travel related expenses for each of the financial years in the forward estimates.
3. Please provide a list of overseas conferences attended or expected to be attended by staff at the Major Cities Unit in 2012-13 and 2011-12.

Answer:

1. Budget 2012-13: \$67k
Expenditure to date: \$31k
2. No budgets have yet been approved for forward estimate years.
3. 2011-12: IPANZ Conference, Auckland
2012-13: World Cities Summit, Singapore
2012 Pacific Local Government Forum & Capital Cities Forum, Honiara