

Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Estimates October 2006

Transport and Regional Services

Question: CORP 10 [revised]

Division/Agency: Corporate Services

Topic: Mr Taylor's Allowances

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Senator O'Brien asked:

Senator O'BRIEN—Can the Committee receive the final totals for the last financial year of Mr Taylor's (a) reunion travel allowance, as well as of the so-called (b) temporary accommodation allowance?

Mr Chandler—I do not have those figures with me but we can provide those. I think we have provided figures up to the end of May in response previously.

Answer:

- (a) In accordance with Section 61 of the *Public Service Act 1999*, the Secretary is entitled to reunion travel. Reunion travel is calculated from the period of commencement of employment. Mr Taylor commenced employment with the Australian Public Service in January 2000 and hence, the reunion travel figures are calculated from January to December.

By way of update to the answer to **CORP 02**, in the May 2006 Budget Estimates round, the detailed breakdown of reunion travel for the years 2005 and 2006 (to date) are as follows:

	17 Jan 2005 to 16 Jan 2006	17 Jan 2006 to 30 Sept 2006
Airfares	5,028.50	3,416.62
Taxi Fares	668.40	348.15
TOTAL	5,696.90	3,764.77

- (b) \$340 a week from 1 July 2005 to 3 August 2006 and an amount per week equal to \$25,000 a year from 4 August 2006, in accordance with an amendment to clause 7.12 of the Remuneration Tribunal Determination made on 4 August 2006.