

**Question on Notice  
No. 525  
Asked on Wednesday, 10 May 2023**

**MR D JANETZKI** ASKED MINISTER FOR ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND HYDROGEN AND MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND PROCUREMENT (HON M DE BRENNI)

With reference to the Department of Public Works' auspices over whole-of-government travel management—

Will the Minister detail the cost of travel borne by the government from 2020-21, to 2022-23 (to date) (reported separately by financial year) for (a) air travel for public servants and the average cost per flight booked, (b) accommodation for public servants and the total number of nights paid for and (c) meals and incidentals for public servants (reported separately) and the average claim (reported separately)?

**ANSWER**

Public servants undertake travel across the state for a variety of reasons, ensuring that important government services are delivered to all Queenslanders.

I am advised that the expenditure data below includes travel not only for public servants but other travel, including, but not limited to, patient transfers, court witnesses and prisoner transfers. Under the QTravel travel management system, it is not possible to separate outpatient transfer, court witness or prisoner transfer costs from public servant costs without unreasonable use of individual departmental resources.

Therefore, based on data available for travel booked within the Queensland Government travel program, the cost borne by Queensland Government for air and accommodation is:

(Data for the current financial year only includes 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022.)

(a) Air Travel

- a. Financial year 2020-21 - total air travel spend was \$47M. The average cost per flight booked was \$331.
- b. Financial year 2021-22 - total air travel spend was \$52M. The average cost per flight booked was \$309.
- c. Financial year 2022-23 (Quarter 1 & 2 only) - total air travel spend was \$42M. The average cost per flight booked was \$412.

(b) Accommodation

- a. Financial year 2020-21 - total accommodation spend was \$49M across 364,705 room nights booked.
- b. Financial year 2021-22 - total accommodation spend was \$53M across 389,704 room nights booked.
- c. Financial year 2022-23 (Quarter 1 & 2 only) - total accommodation spend was \$27M across 96,897 room nights booked.

(c) Expenses

The Queensland Government travel program does not process or record meal and incidental expenses, payable to public servants when they are required to travel for official duties.

Each individual agency is responsible for managing these expenses. Claimable amounts are prescribed and published by the Office of Industrial Relations in the *Domestic Travelling and Relieving Expenses Directive 01/23*.

The rates are commensurate with rates set out in the most recently published Australian Taxation Office 'Taxation Determination' that provides for reasonable travel expense amounts.