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Written Question



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Asked of: Hon. George Hickes
Minister of Finance

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Subject: Use of Travel Agencies

Purpose: It has come to my attention that some government departments may be using travel agents to book employee travel. I would like to inquire if there is any merit to the allegations. If so:

1. How much has been spent in fiscal year 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 on travel agents, travel agencies or any other companies which provide assistance to book and coordinate travel?
 - a. Would you please provide a breakdown by department and division and identify the travel agent, agency, or company for each fiscal year?
 - b. Would you also identify whether or not Ministerial travel was booked under the budget in Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, if so which minister and on behalf of which department and identify the travel agent, agency, or company.
2. If assistance was used to book and coordinate employee travel, was there an RFP process, was it sole sourced or through a standing offer agreement?
3. Would the use of companies, which provide assistance to book and coordinate travel fall under the NNI policy?
4. Would the use of companies, which provide assistance to book and coordinate travel, be FAM compliant?