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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: McAllister

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Question:

Senator McALLISTER: I think you mentioned that we place a cap on the number we're willing to fund as part of the travelling party and we cap it at 15. Did the royal party bring more people beyond that cap that they funded themselves?

Ms Ganly: I don't believe they did on this occasion. I think it was simply the 13. The 15 includes their Royal Highnesses.

Senator McALLISTER: Did they bring any chefs or people who assist them with food preparation?

Ms Ganly: No.

Senator McALLISTER: What about policy and protocol advisers?

Ms Ganly: Generally, the people that travel with them, the personal private assistants, do all the protocol work. But, generally, we're looking after—through CERHOS—protocol arrangements that are appropriate for Australia and we liaise with the Clarence House staff.

Senator McALLISTER: Any other household staff?

Ms Ganly: I will have a look. I'll see if I've got anything on my computer because at the moment I don't have a full list of staff here in my papers.

Senator McALLISTER: Perhaps you might provide such a list. Again, I'm not really interested in the names, more just the kinds of functions we're supporting.

Ms Ganly: Certainly.

Senator McALLISTER: Did they all travel on the single flight to Singapore or did some of them travel separately?

Ms Ganly: On this occasion, I believe that they were on the RAAF flight. On previous occasion, when there has been a larger number, some have come commercially. Generally, what we do to ensure value for money is put as many people that we are funding on the RAAF plane.

Senator McALLISTER: And, on this occasion, it was possible?

Ms Ganly: I believe it was possible, but again I will confirm.

Senator McALLISTER: If there were additional flights from Singapore to Wagga Wagga or any other Australian destination, I would appreciate an itemised list of those flights and the costs associated with it.

Ms Ganly: Yes. Anything else would have been a commercial flight. We certainly wouldn't have put on a special flight for overflow.

Answer:

Visit to Australia by His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales and Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet paid for 13 staff from Clarence House accompanying Their Royal Highnesses from London. Clarence House paid for an additional staff member to accompany Their Royal Highnesses from London. Clarence House also paid for an Australian based member of the travelling party to accompany Their Royal Highnesses while in Australia.

PARTY LIST FROM CLARENCE HOUSE AS PAID FOR BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT

1. Deputy Private Secretary to Their Royal Highnesses
2. Private Secretary to Her Royal Highness
3. Communications Secretary
4. Assistant Communications Secretary
5. Operations & Logistics Manager
6. Tour Doctor
7. Head of Digital
8. Personal Assistant
9. Travelling Yeoman
10. Dresser
11. Butler
12. Valet
13. Hairdresser

International Flights and associated costs and breakdown

- Total international flight costs in AUD including baggage (GST Exclusive) were \$314,690.78
- In total, there were 15 passengers paid for by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (including Their Royal Highnesses)

Additional Flights Singapore to Wagga Wagga/Other Australian destination

- London to Singapore to Brisbane (Singapore Airlines)
 - 3 passengers from Clarence House
 - The costs of these flights is included in the total international flight costs stated above. It is not possible to provide a further breakdown of the costs as a single bill was provided from Singapore Airlines for all the international flights.