

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2016 - 2017

Division/Agency: International Policy and Engagement Division

Question No: 290

Topic: Treasurer trip to G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting – Baden-baden, Germany

Reference: Written

Senator: Ketter, Chris

Question:

In relation to the Treasurer's trip to the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting in March 2017:

1. What were the dates of the trip?
2. Who accompanied the Treasurer to this trip – please list all Treasury staff and Treasurer's office members
3. What was the cost of air travel for all attendees for this trip?
4. Provide a breakdown of:
 - a. Accommodation costs;
 - b. Road transport costs;
 - c. Food and other hospitality costs; and
 - d. Other incidental costs

Incurred for the Treasurer and all Treasury staff and office members who accompanied the Treasurer on this trip.

Answer:

1. 16-19 March 2017.
2. The Treasurer was accompanied by one Senior Adviser and one Media Adviser from his office. Four Treasury officials (three Canberra-based and one official posted to the UK) with classification levels of SESB3, SESB1 x 2 and EL1 supported the Treasurer at these meetings.
- 3., 4. a., b., c., d. With respect to the Treasurer and accompanying advisers all overseas travel is undertaken in line with the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984 and paid for by the Department of Finance. Dates, destinations, the purpose and costs of all official overseas visits are tabled in the Parliament every six months in a report titled Parliamentarians' Expenditure paid by the Department of Finance and its supporting information. The reports and supporting information are also published on the Department of Finance website. With respect to Treasury departmental expenditures, please note that as at 3 April 2017 invoice and account reconciliation processes are still ongoing and these figures are not currently available.