

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

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**Department/Agency: Treasury**

**Question: SBT 233-235**

**Topic: G20 Expenses**

**Reference: Written - 30 October 2015**

**Senator: Wong, Penny**

**Question:**

G20 expenses

233. Please provide an itemised table of all expenses incurred by the department since September 7, 2013 associated with official G20 and related working group, taskforce, roundtable, Sherpa meetings, workshop and study groups) events, including but not limited to hospitality, accommodation, transport, recreation, merchandise, meals/drinks, catering, security.

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- a) The name of the event/meeting that the expense related to.
- b) The location of the event.
- c) The date of the event.
- d) The name and ABN of the service provider.
- e) Advise whether the contract was awarded through an open tender process.
- f) The total value of the contract/invoice.
- g) The date the contract was executed by the Department.
- h) The number of attendees at the event, if applicable.
- i) Advise whether an Australian Government Minister was in attendance. Please detail.
- j) Advise whether foreign delegates were in attendance. Please detail.
- k) Advise whether the contract/expenditure was approved by the Prime Minister's Office, and if so the date that approval was sought and granted.

235. How many Treasury officials (by classification, including Departmental Liaison Officers) attended each overseas G20 event?

**Answer:**

233. The Treasury's systems are not structured to provide the level of detail sought. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

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**a), b), c),**

Funding to support Treasury's hosting of the G20 Finance Track was provided in the 2011-12 Budget and included funding for the following meetings:

G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting 1 (Canberra) 15-16 December 2013 – total cost approx. \$656,000

G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting (Sydney) 21-23 February 2014 - total cost approx. \$5,804,000

G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting (Washington, DC, USA) 10-11 April 2014 – total cost approx. \$796,000

G20 Tax Symposium (Tokyo Japan) 9-10 May 2014 – total cost approx. \$93,000

G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting (Melbourne) 21-22 June 2014 – total cost approx. \$876,000

G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting (Cairns) 20-21 September 2014 – total cost approx. \$6,774,000

G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting (Washington, DC, USA) 8-9 October 2014 – total cost approx. \$940,000

**d)** In accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules all contracts let with a value greater than \$10,000 are listed on Austender.

**e)** All procurement for G20 related expenditure followed the Commonwealth Procurement Rules.

**f)** Please refer to answer a), b), c) and d) above.

**g)** Please refer to answer a), b), c) and d) above.

**h)** The number of attendees at each event is as follows:

G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting 1 - 300

G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting (Sydney) - 2161

G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting (Washington, DC, USA) – 429

G20 Tax Symposium (Tokyo Japan) – 230

G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting (Melbourne) – 203

G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting (Cairns) - 2514

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G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting (Washington, DC, USA) - 418

**i)** The Treasurer and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer attended the ministerial meetings and the Leaders' Summit. The Assistant Treasurer attended the Leaders' Summit.

**j)** Delegates from the G20 member countries, invited countries and invited international organisations participated in the meetings listed above.

**k)** Treasury expenditure is approved by the relevant delegate from the Treasury under the Public Governance Performance and Accountability Act 2013. The Prime Minister's Office did not approve any Treasury expenditure for G20 events.

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No departmental liaison Officers attended overseas G20 meetings.

G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting 1 (Washington, DC, USA)  
April 2014 – 33 Treasury officials attended for both policy and logistics purposes.

G20 Tax Symposium (Tokyo Japan) – 12 Treasury officials attended for both policy and logistics purposes.

G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting (Washington, DC, USA)  
October 2014 – 28 Treasury officials attended for both policy and logistics purposes.