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Question:

In respect of the visit to Australia by the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall in November 2012:

1. How many delegates travelled with/and ahead of the Prince and Duchess?
2. What was the cost to the Australian Government for each delegate's:
 - a. International, domestic and VIP airfares, including the class of travel for each delegate;
 - b. Meals;
 - c. Layovers in other countries;
 - d. Hospitality;
 - e. Internal transport;
 - f. Ceremonies;
 - g. Accommodation per night;
 - h. Travel allowances;
 - i. Gifts;
 - j. Functions;
 - k. Travel insurance; and
 - l. Other expenses.
3. What was the total cost to the Australia Government of the visit broken down for the items listed in part (2).

Answer:

- (1) Their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall were accompanied by 27 members of the royal party. Of these, 12 members travelled in advance of Their Royal Highnesses and one was Australian based.

- (2) The visit expenses for Their Royal Highnesses and 15 members of the royal party are as outlined in Attachment A. To attempt to provide a breakdown of individual costs would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- (3) The total cost to the Department was \$437,057 (GST exclusive).

Attachment A

Visit to Australia by His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales
and Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall
Advance Visit 21 to 29 September 2012
Visit 5 to 10 November 2012
Visit Costs

Transport (ground, air)	\$257,336
Domestic travel (meals, accommodation, incidentals)	\$84,610
Media liaison (including photographic - other costs)	\$66,503
Hospitality and event-related costs	\$5,555
Miscellaneous visit costs	\$23,053
Total	\$437,057

Note: Figures are GST exclusive