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Question:

In respect of the Royal Visit to Australia in October 2011:

1. How many delegates travelled with/and ahead of the Royal delegation?
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) Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh were accompanied to Australia by 29 members of the official party; plus eight members who travelled in advance of the official party; and seven delegates who travelled in advance for the sole purpose of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM).

- (2) Visit expenses for Her Majesty The Queen, His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh and 30 members of the official party are as outlined in Attachment A. To attempt to provide a breakdown of individual costs would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
- (3) The total cost to the Department was \$2,688,819 (GST exclusive).

Attachment A

**Royal Visit to Australia by Her Majesty The Queen
and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh
Pre-Advance Visit 28 February to 4 March 2011**

Advance Visit 5 to 13 September 2011

Royal Visit 19 to 29 October 2011

Visit Costs

Transport (ground, air and water)	\$442,915
International Charter Flight	\$1,808,745
Domestic travel (meals, accommodation, incidentals)	\$220,881
Media liaison (including photographic - other costs)	\$90,952
Hospitality and event-related costs	\$104,039
Miscellaneous visit costs	\$21,287
Total	\$2,688,819

Note: Figures are GST exclusive