

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee — Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2017

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Functional Review of Security**

Question: **117**

Written: **Senator Wong**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 7 July 2017

With respect to overseas travel undertaken in conjunction with the functional review of security:

What countries were visited and on what dates?

For each trip, can an itinerary be provided?

Who authorised this travel?

How much will this travel cost?

Answer

What countries were visited and on what dates?

Between Saturday 22 April and Sunday 30 April a Department of Parliamentary Services officer undertook travel to the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada to benchmark security for the Joint Security Model Review of APH. (See attached itinerary).

The officer arrived in London on Sunday 23 April and departed Ottawa on Friday 28 April.

For each trip, can an itinerary be provided?

22 Apr	1215-1310 QF1474 Cbr-Syd 1550-0655 QF1 Syd-London
23	0655 arr London
24	1000-1200 Westminster Palace
25	0940-1245 BA217 London-Washington
26	1000-1400 US Capitol Police HQ 2000-2130 AC8453 Washington-Ottawa
27	1000-1400 Parliament of Canada
28	1600-1704 AC455 Ottawa-Toronto 2015-0815 AC33 Toronto-Sydney
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30	0815 arr Syd 0955-1055 Syd-Cbr QF1519

The officer met with the following people during the visits.

Parliament of the United Kingdom

Mr Eric Hepburn (Director of Security Services. Parliamentary Security Department)

Mr John Groves (Deputy Director of Security & Head of Security Operations)

United States Congress

Assistant Chief Steven A. Sund (Chief of Operations US Capitol Police)

Deputy Chief Fredinal P. Rogers (US Capitol Police)

Mr Brian McGinty (Deputy Assistant Sergeant at Arms Senate)

Mr Robert B. Ford (Director Security Services Bureau US Capitol Police)

Parliament of Canada

Mr Eric Lecompte (Head, Security Project Management Office House of Commons)

Mr Christian Bourgeois (Deputy Director, Security Strategy House of Commons)

Superintendent Mike O'Beirne (OIC Operations Parliamentary Protective Service)

Mr Alain Laniel ((OIC Operations Support Services Parliamentary Protective Service)

Mr Robert Graham (Director of Corporate Services Parliamentary Protective Service)

Who authorised this travel?

The Secretary DPS authorised the travel.

How much will this travel cost?

The total cost of the overseas visit was \$16,698.65.