

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-15

Finance Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance

Outcome/Program: General

Topic: G20 - Brisbane

Senator: Ludwig

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Type of question: Written

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Question:

1. Which Ministers from the portfolio attended the G20 conference in Brisbane? For each attending Minister, please answer the following:
2. How long will the Minister be in Brisbane for?
3. Please provide a copy of the Minister's program and a list of any meetings that are scheduled.
4. Did the Minister request any briefing material from the department in relation to the G20? Please provide a list of the briefing titles.
5. How many Ministerial staff will attend with the Minister?
6. How many departmental staff attended the G20?
7. For each Minister and staff member attending, how much was spent on airfares to and from Brisbane?
8. For each Minister and staff member attending, how much was spent on accommodation in Brisbane?
9. For each Minister and staff member attending, how much was spent on other associated expenses? Please detail.
10. Has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material for the G20? Please detail.
11. Will the department be preparing a report following the G20? If yes:
 - a) What will be the scope of the report?
 - b) When will it be complete?
 - c) Will it be available to the public?

Answer:

1. Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann, Minister for Finance.
2. Friday 14 to Sunday 16 November 2014.
3. The Minister for Finance's programme was as follows:

Friday 14 November 2014:
3:00 pm – Depart Canberra.
3:40 pm – Arrive Brisbane.
Afternoon – Treasury briefing.
7:00 pm – Dinner hosted by the Treasurer.

Saturday 15 November 2014:

Morning – Treasury and other briefings

11:45 am – Minister Cormann to represent the Prime Minister at a luncheon for inbound business delegations hosted by the Qld Premier, the Hon Campbell Newman.

2:00 pm – G20 Queensland-China Investment round table.

6:30 pm – G20 reception hosted by the Prime Minister.

7:30 pm – Attend Dinner with G20 Finance Ministers hosted by the Treasurer.

Sunday 16 November 2014:

Morning – Briefings and media.

4:00 pm – Depart Brisbane.

6:30 pm – Arrive Sydney.

8:30 pm – Working dinner with the German Chancellor, Dr Angela Merkel, hosted by the Prime Minister.

4. No departmental briefing was requested.
5. Nil.
6. Nil.
7. Nil. Minister Cormann travelled on the Prime Minister's aircraft.
8. The Department of Finance did not pay for any accommodation by the Minister.
9. Nil.
10. No.
11. No.