

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts  
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Answers to questions on notice

**Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio**

Supplementary Budget Estimates, October 2009

<b>Outcome:</b>	Corporate Outcome	<b>Question No:</b>	140
<b>Program:</b>	Corporate Outcome		
<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Policy Coordination Division		
<b>Topic:</b>	French Order of the Arts - Travel		
<b>Hansard Page ECA:</b>	135 (19/10)		

**Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:**

On 26 June this year, Mr Garrett attended the French Order of Arts and Letters and accepted an order—and I will not attempt to give the French pronunciation of it, because that would be embarrassing for all concerned—and he spoke extensively about France’s cherished goals of liberty et cetera and said a few other fabulous and wise words. This was an award provided to him in recognition of his contribution to Australian life and music. Was this a taxpayer-funded trip by Mr Garrett?

**Answers:**

The Minister travelled to Madeira, Portugal and Paris, France from 21-28 June 2009 to attend the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission and to accept a French Order of Arts and Letters and hold meetings on portfolio-related matters.

This combined trip was funded by the Government. All costs of official overseas travel by Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries, accompanying spouses (where relevant) and accompanying staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* are paid for by the Department of Finance and Deregulation. Dates, destinations, the purpose and costs of all official overseas travel are tabled in the Parliament every six months in a report titled *Parliamentarians' Travel Paid By The Department of Finance and Deregulation*.

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<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Policy Coordination Division		
<b>Topic:</b>	French Order of Arts and Letters - award		
<b>Hansard Page ECA:</b>	44 (19/10)		

**Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:**

**Senator BIRMINGHAM**—... It sounds like it was a busy day, as you describe it. When was the minister invited to receive the award?

**Mr Sullivan**—My recollection is that the award was first raised early in the year. I can get back to you on that in terms of the actual details. I am not privy to those exact details. I will take it on notice.

**Senator BIRMINGHAM**—... Do you know if the minister was the only person inducted at the awards ceremony where the minister received this award?

**Mr Sullivan**—... My understanding is that it was the only award presented, but, again, if that is incorrect, I will correct the record.

**Answers:**

The French Ministry of Culture informed the Minister's office in November 2008 that it was proposing his candidature for the award of the Order of Arts and Letters.

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<b>Outcome:</b>	Corporate Outcome	<b>Question No:</b>	174
<b>Output:</b>	Corporate Outcome		
<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Corporate Strategies Division		
<b>Topic:</b>	DEWHA - Contracts		
<b>Hansard Page ECA:</b>	Written Question on Notice		

**Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:**

Could the department provide a complete list of current contracts. Please indicate rationale for each service provided and its intended use.

**Answers:**

All contracts with a value of \$10,000 or more are published on the AusTender website <http://www.tenders.gov.au>.

For the department to provide details of all current contracts with a total contract value of less than \$10,000 would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources which the department is not prepared to authorise.

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<b>Outcome:</b>	Corporate Outcome	<b>Question No:</b>	175
<b>Output:</b>	Corporate Outcome		
<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Corporate Strategies Division		
<b>Topic:</b>	DEWHA - Consultancies		
<b>Hansard Page ECA:</b>	Written Question on Notice		

**Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:**

1. How much has the department spent on consultancy services since November 2007? How does the department justify this expenditure?
2. Could the department provide a complete list of current consultancy services?
3. For each consultancy, please indicate the rationale for the project and its intended use.
4. For each consultancy please indicate why the department or its agencies could not have undertaken the work themselves.

**Answers:**

1. The department has spent \$53,211,349 on consultancy services from November 2007 to 31 October 2009.

The department enters into consultancy contracts where specialist professional knowledge or expertise is unavailable within the department or its agencies, where there is a one-off task, set of tasks or irregular tasks making employment of permanent staff impractical and the intellectual output of the individual or organisation will assist with departmental decision-making.

2. A list of current consultancy contracts (to 19 October 2009) with a value of \$10,000 or more can be found at on the AusTender website [www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au).
3. The rationale and intended use of each consultancy contract can be found on the AusTender website [www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au).
4. The reason as to why the department or its agencies could not have undertaken the work themselves can be found on the AusTender website [www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au).

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<b>Program:</b>	Corporate Outcome		
<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Corporate Strategies Division		
<b>Topic:</b>	Staff – Training		
<b>Hansard Page ECA:</b>	Written Question on Notice		

**Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:**

1. In relation to both Departmental and Ministerial staff, please provide details of staff training activities undertaken this financial year, and planned for next financial year.
2. Please provide a breakdown of costs, the nature of the training programs run, numbers of staff involved by level of employment and any instances of external consultants being engaged.
3. Where external consultants were engaged, please detail their expertise and the specific deliverables of the program.

**Answers:**

1. The Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts provides staff with opportunities to access job related learning activities and individual career development activities.

Currently the Department does not record centrally details of all learning and development activities undertaken across its geographically dispersed workforce. Providing specific details for each training activity would involve an extensive manual process and therefore, in the context of existing workloads, an unreasonable diversion of resources.

In relation to training provided by the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance) for staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* (MOP(S) Act), two staff members from the office of the Hon Peter Garrett MP and two staff from the office of Senator the Hon Penny Wong have attended training since 1 July 2009.

Training for staff employed under the MOP(S) Act is provided as part of the Professional Development Program and offered through the *Commonwealth Members of Parliament Staff Collective Agreement 2006-2009* (Collective Agreement).

2. As indicated above, the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts does not record centrally details of all learning and development activities undertaken by staff.

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The Department of Finance and Deregulation does not maintain a breakdown of costs for individuals nor records of Ministerial staff attending by classification level.

3. Where the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts engages consultants appropriate procurement processes are followed, with the expertise of the consultants employed being relevant to the nature of the training activity.

External consultants have been engaged by Finance to deliver the training under the Professional Development Program for MOP(S) Act employees. The consultants used are engaged under existing contractual arrangements as part of Finance's Learning and Development panel.

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<b>Program:</b>	Corporate Outcome		
<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Corporate Strategies Division		
<b>Topic:</b>	Staffing – Ministers Offices		
<b>Hansard Page ECA:</b>	Written Question on Notice		

**Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:**

1. Please provide the names, salaries, titles and responsibilities of all staff in the Minister(s’)/Parliamentary Secretary’s offices.
2. Please indicate what their salaries were in October 2007 (or when they started) and what their salaries are now.
3. Please identify which staff have government cars as part of their package. What model vehicles do they drive? What is the cost of the vehicle packages?
4. Which staff are entitled to fly business class?
5. What is the home base for each of the staff? If they are not located in the home base of the employing Minister/Parliamentary Secretary or Canberra, what is the reason?

**Answers:**

1. As at 20 October 2009, there were two departmental staff members provided to the Office of the Hon Peter Garrett AM MP, one departmental staff member to the Office of Senator the Hon Penny Wong and one departmental staff member to the Office of the Hon Dr Mike Kelly AM MP.

The salary range for these staff members was \$68,229 to \$94,436 per annum. All individuals were also in receipt of an additional Departmental Liaison Officer Allowance of \$16,804 per annum. For privacy reasons, individual’s exact salaries cannot be disclosed.

Listed below are details of staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* in the Minister(s’)/Parliamentary Secretary’s offices. Classification and salary ranges only are provided so as not to identify personal information of individual employees. The Department of Finance and Deregulation is not aware of the designated titles that may be used in individual offices or the responsibilities of individual employees and is unable to answer this part of the question.

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As at 20 October 2009:

**Office of the Hon Peter Garrett AM MP**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Salary Range (per annum)</b>
1 x Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff – Cabinet)	\$105,441 to \$142,225
1 x Senior Adviser 1 (Cabinet)	\$89,348 to \$135,537
1 x Senior Media Adviser	\$89,348 to \$121,638
3 x Adviser	\$77,869 to \$114,916
2 x Assistant Adviser	\$64,920 to \$77,869
1 x Executive Assistant / Office Manager	\$52,580 to \$64,920
1 x Secretary / Administrative Assistant	\$41,419 to \$54,253

Note: Excludes Electorate Employees

**Office of Senator the Hon Penny Wong**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Salary Range (per annum)</b>
1 x Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff – Cabinet)	\$105,441 to \$142,225
1 x Senior Adviser 1 (Cabinet)	\$89,348 to \$135,537
1 x Senior Media Adviser	\$89,348 to \$121,638
4 x Adviser	\$77,869 to \$114,916
2 x Assistant Adviser	\$64,920 to \$77,869
1 x Executive Assistant / Office Manager	\$52,580 to \$64,920
1 x Secretary / Administrative Assistant	\$41,419 to \$54,253

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**Office of the Hon Dr Mike Kelly AM MP**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Salary Range (per annum)</b>
1 x Adviser	\$77,869 to \$114,916



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1 x Assistant Adviser	\$64,920 to \$77,869
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2. As at 20 October 2009:

**Office of the Hon Peter Garrett MP**

<b>Classification 20 October 2009</b>	<b>Classification: As at October 2007 or Commencement with Minister</b>	<b>Salary Range: As at October 2007 or Commencement with Minister</b>	<b>Salary Range: As at 20 October 2009</b>
Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff – Cabinet)	October 2007: Senior Adviser	\$85,500 to \$116,400	See answer to 1) above for salary ranges
Senior Adviser 1 (Cabinet)	March 2008: Senior Media Adviser	\$85,500 to \$116,400	See answer to 1) above for salary ranges
Senior Media Adviser	October 2007: Executive Assistant 2	\$50,974 to \$52,281	See answer to 1) above for salary ranges
Adviser	October 2007: Electorate Officer B	\$49,681 to \$56,948	See answer to 1) above for salary ranges
Adviser	February 2008: Adviser	\$74,516 to \$109,967	See answer to 1) above for salary ranges
Adviser	March 2008: Adviser	\$74,516 to \$109,967	See answer to 1) above for salary ranges
Assistant Adviser	October 2007: Electorate Officer B	\$49,681 to \$56,948	See answer to 1) above for salary ranges
Assistant Adviser	July 2009: Assistant Adviser	\$64,920 to \$77,869	See answer to 1) above for salary ranges
Executive Assistant /	September 2009:	\$52,580 to \$64,920	See answer to 1) above for salary

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Office Manager	Executive Assistant / Office Manager		ranges
Secretary / Administrative Assistant	October 2009:  Secretary / Administrative Assistant	\$41,419 to \$54,253	See answer to 1) above for salary ranges

**Office of Senator the Hon Penny Wong**

<b>Classification 20 October 2009</b>	<b>Classification: As at October 2007 or Commencement with Minister</b>	<b>Salary Range: As at October 2007 or Commencement with Minister</b>	<b>Salary Range: As at 20 October 2009</b>
Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff – Cabinet)	November 2008:  Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff – Cabinet)	\$100,900 to \$136,100	See answer to 1) above for salary ranges
Senior Adviser 1 (Cabinet)	October 2007:  Assistant Adviser	\$58,005 to \$71,307	See answer to 1) above for salary ranges
Senior Media Adviser	January 2008:  Adviser	\$74,516 to \$109,967	See answer to 1) above for salary ranges
Adviser	January 2008:  Adviser	\$74,516 to \$109,967	See answer to 1) above for salary ranges
Adviser	February 2008:  Adviser	\$74,516 to \$109,967	See answer to 1) above for salary ranges
Adviser	March 2008:  Assistant Adviser	\$62,124 to \$74,516	See answer to 1) above for salary ranges
Adviser	March 2008:  Adviser	\$74,516 to \$109,967	See answer to 1) above for salary ranges
Assistant Adviser	February 2008:  Executive Assistant /	\$50,316 to \$62,124	See answer to 1) above for salary

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Assistant Adviser	March 2009: Assistant Adviser	\$64,920 to \$77,869	See answer to 1) above for salary ranges
Executive Assistant / Office Manager	December 2008: Secretary / Administrative Assistant	\$41,419 to \$54,253	See answer to 1) above for salary ranges

**Office of the Hon Dr Mike Kelly MP**

<b>Classification 20 October 2009</b>	<b>Classification: As at October 2007 or Commencement with Minister</b>	<b>Salary Range: As at October 2007 or Commencement with Minister</b>	<b>Salary Range: As at 20 October 2009</b>
Adviser	January 2008: Assistant Adviser	\$62,124 to \$74,516	See answer to 1) above for salary ranges
Assistant Adviser	April 2008: Executive Assistant / Office Manager	\$50,316 to \$62,124	See answer to 1) above for salary ranges

3. The following staff have government cars as part of their package:

**Office of the Hon Peter Garrett AM MP**

The Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff – Cabinet) has been provided with a Ford Falcon G6E passenger sedan. Lease costs are \$871.60 per month. The Senior Adviser 1 (Cabinet) has opted to receive the allowance in lieu of a Private Plated Vehicle of \$18,540 per annum.

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The Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff – Cabinet) has been provided with a Toyota Prius. Lease costs are \$1,075.45 per month. The Senior Adviser 1 (Cabinet) has opted to receive the allowance in lieu of a Private Plated Vehicle of \$18,540 per annum.

**Office of the Hon Dr Mike Kelly MP**

Nil

4. Employees above the classification of Adviser are entitled to travel at business class.
5. The home bases for Ministerial staff are detailed below:

**Office of the Hon Peter Garrett AM MP**

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Home Base</b>
Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff – Cabinet)	1 x Canberra
Senior Adviser 1 (Cabinet)	1 x Canberra
Senior Media Adviser	1 x Sydney
Adviser	2 x Canberra 1 x Sydney
Assistant Adviser	1 x Canberra 1 x Sydney
Executive Assistant / Office Manager	1 x Canberra
Secretary / Administrative Assistant	1 x Canberra

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**Office of Senator the Hon Penny Wong**

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Home Base</b>
Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff – Cabinet)	1 x Adelaide
Senior Adviser 1 (Cabinet)	1 x Adelaide
Senior Media Adviser	1 x Canberra
Adviser	4 x Canberra
Assistant Adviser	2 x Canberra
Executive Assistant / Office Manager	1 x Canberra
Secretary / Administrative Assistant	1 x Canberra

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**Office of the Hon Dr Mike Kelly AM MP**

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Home Base</b>
Adviser	1 x Canberra
Assistant Adviser	1 x Canberra

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**Outcome:** Corporate Outcome **Question No:** 178  
**Program:** Corporate Outcome  
**Division/Agency:** Corporate Strategies Division  
**Topic:** Hospitality  
**Hansard Page ECA:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:**

1. What is the Department's hospitality spend for 2008/09? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
2. For each Minister/Parliamentary Secretary's office, please detail total hospitality spend for 2008-09. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

**Answers:**

1. The Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Art's hospitality spend for 2008/09 is \$171,328.51. Details of date, location, purpose and cost of all events are listed in the table below. Note that the events that occurred before 1 July 2008 were paid for in 2008/09.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cost</b>
21 May 2008	Maritim Hotel, Bonn, Germany	Catering for Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity side event hosted by Australian Government and the United Nations Environment Program - World Conservation Monitoring Centre	\$596.31
5 June 2008	Commonwealth Club, Canberra, ACT	National Portrait Gallery Board dinner	\$653.00
11 June 2008	Grand Hyatt, Tokyo, Japan	Australia / Japanese Antarctic Science Cooperation Function	\$3,961.54
13 June 2008	Tiflis Kyiv Restaurant, Kiev, Ukraine	Margins function with members of the Australian and Japanese delegations to Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting XXXI	\$716.98
23 June 2008	Old Parliament House, Canberra, ACT	National Portrait Gallery Board dinner	\$43.86
25 June 2008	Explorers Inn, Emerald, Qld	Dinner with the Joint Steering Committee, Fitzroy Basin Association and staff.	\$370.00
2 July 2008	Thai Lemon Grass, Canberra, ACT	Maintaining Australia's Biodiversity Hotspots program evaluation workshop.	\$635.54

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4 July 2008	Sydney, NSW	Lunch with Southern Ocean research partnership	\$878.64
9 July 2008	National Film & Sound Archive, Canberra, ACT	Official NAIDOC Week event - Indigenous cultural performance and catering	\$1,363.64
21 July 2008	Deniliquin	Dinner with Murrumbidgee Irrigation Limited regarding purchasing of water	\$1,045.45
22 July 2008	Forrest, ACT	Heads of Collecting Institutions Meeting	\$367.27
24 July 2008	Darwin, NT	Northern Territory Regional Heads meeting	\$409.15
5 August 2008	Benchmark Restaurant, Canberra, ACT	Australian Heritage Council - formal dinner after meeting	\$800.00
6 August 2008	Canberra, ACT	Access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing policy development meeting with Canadian Government	\$227.36
7 August 2008	National Gallery, Parkes, ACT	Heritage Chairs and Officials of Australia & New Zealand - formal dinner after meeting	\$2,231.49
7 August 2008	South Australian Art Gallery, Adelaide, SA	Catering for the Caring for our Country presentation for the Natural Resource Policy and Program Committee (NRPPC).	\$1,004.00
12 August 2008	Darwin	Northern Australia Water Futures Assessment - Inaugural Working Group Meeting Official Dinner	\$426.18
12 August 2008	Brassey Hotel, Canberra, ACT	Dinner for delegates following live import processes meeting	\$1,040.00
12 August 2008	Hyatt Hotel, Canberra, ACT	Solar Cities Forum function following forum meeting	\$2,300.00
18 August 2008	Adelaide	National Water Quality Management Strategy Contact Group function	\$181.82
27 August 2008	Hotel Ashok, Bangalore, India	Meeting of Renewable and Distributed Generation Task Force of Asia-Pacific Partnership	\$590.50
4 September 2008	Commonwealth Club, Canberra, ACT	National Portrait Gallery Board dinner	\$1,204.00
5 September 2008	Old Parliament House, Canberra, ACT	National Portrait Gallery Board lunch	\$742.09
12 September 2008	Parliament House, Canberra, ACT	Presentation of the Prime Ministers Literary Awards	\$22,799.50
8 October 2008	Kingston, Tas	Meeting with Russian Ambassador regarding collaboration on Antarctic programs	\$321.25
14 October 2008	Kingston, Tas	Meeting with a Japanese official to discuss shared Antarctic interests.	\$131.82

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16 October 2008	Canberra Southern Cross Yacht Club, Yarralumla, ACT	BBQ buffet dinner for attendees of the Performance Story Report National Summit	\$2,954.54
19 October 2008	Old Swan Brewery, Crawley, WA	Lunch meeting with representatives from Dept Environment WA, Landvision & National Oceans Office oil & gas development, Kimberly WA	\$190.27
24 October 2008	John Gorton Building, Canberra, ACT	Catering for meeting with representatives of Western Australia, regarding their development proposal	\$70.91
7 November 2008	Sydney Olympic Park, Sydney, NSW	Catering for dinner for workshop on development of policy statement on Golden Sun Moth	\$259.09
25 November 2008	The Deck at Regatta Point, Parkes, ACT	The dinner with stakeholders who attended the MERI Strategy Stakeholder Workshop	\$3,500.00
1 December 2008	Canberra, ACT	Catering for Circle of Friends Members events	\$31,025.45
3 December 2008	National Portrait Gallery, Parkes, ACT	Catering for opening of the new National Portrait Gallery	\$49,246.60
4 December 2008	National Portrait Gallery, Parkes, ACT	Catering for My Favourite Australian exhibition launch	\$1,718.18
5 December 2008	Canberra, ACT	Catering for Margin to Centre conference	\$3,534.54
6 December 2008	Canberra, ACT	Catering for Rolf Harris Annual Lecture (entry fee charged)	\$241.15
10 December 2008	Cambridge, United Kingdom	Like Minded Dinner – International Whaling Commission small working group	\$390.99
15 December 2008	Canberra, ACT	Catering for Nature Conservancy meeting	\$127.18
17 December 2008	Ottoman Restaurant, Barton, ACT	Lunch with Korean Delegates	\$450.00
29 December 2008	Maritime Museum, Fremantle, WA	Reception for Joint Australian-Japanese Voyage to Antarctica	\$6,501.82
6 February 2009	Dubbo, NSW	Northern Basin Water Entitlement Purchasing information session	\$163.64
16 February 2009	Pavilion On Northbourne, Canberra, ACT	World Heritage Executive Officers Workshop Dinner	\$2,056.36
17 February 2009	Catch Restaurant, Hobart, Tas	Hosting representatives from the French Polar Institute and Japanese Antarctic Research Division	\$693.63
26 February 2009	John Gorton Building, Canberra, ACT	German delegation visit	\$244.54
27 February 2009	Maldini Restaurant, Hobart, Tas	Meeting with New Zealand Antarctic Program Director	\$554.56
3 March 2009	Old Parliament House, Canberra, ACT	Australian Heritage Council - formal dinner after meeting	\$622.73



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5 March 2009	National Museum of Australia, Canberra, ACT	Signing ceremony at the National Museum of Australia for MOU with the Korean Cultural Heritage Administration	\$252.73
5 March 2009	Hyatt Hotel Axis Restaurant, Barton, ACT	Lunch with delegates from Korean Cultural Heritage Administration	\$521.82
7 April 2009	Kingston, ACT	Dinner for participants of the Wetland indicators, inventory and protocols and national assessment of river and wetland health workshop	\$366.91
7 April 2009	Baltimore, USA	Official function with key members of the Australian and Chinese delegations to the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting	\$678.25
17 April 2009	Feddish Restaurant, Melbourne, Vic	National Council on Education for Sustainability pre-meeting dinner	\$790.00
20 April 2009	Canberra, ACT	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act Review - Expert Panel Meeting	\$138.27
21 April 2009	Bardi Jawi IPA, Kimberley, WA	Lunch ministerial visit to Indigenous Protected Area consultation project	\$54.54
28 April 2009	Canberra, ACT	Dinner for Australian Biological Resources Study Committee members	\$395.18
29 April 2009	National Portrait Gallery, Parkes, ACT	Museums Australia IMAGE education event - Information seminar on Education Section	\$257.73
4 May 2009	Woolloomooloo, NSW	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act Review - Expert Panel Meeting	\$356.82
7 May 2009	National Portrait Gallery, Parkes, ACT	Sun In Me - catering for concert to celebrate Peter Sculthorpe's 80th Birthday	\$1,309.09
11 May 2009	National Portrait Gallery, Parkes, ACT	Catering for gallery tour, discussion and presentation	\$240.54
12 May 2009	Canberra, ACT	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act Review - Expert Panel Meeting	\$155.36
13 May 2009	Birdsville Hotel, Qld	Lake Eyre Basin Aboriginal Forum dinner	\$1,940.00
18 May 2009	Lemon Grass Thai Restaurant, Canberra, ACT	Environmental Water Scientific Advisory Committee dinner	\$299.45
25 May 2009	National Portrait Gallery, Parkes, ACT	Catering for Photography Forum	\$331.36
28 May 2009	Hobart, Tas	Meeting with New Zealand officials to discuss greater cooperation in the Antarctic Treaty system	\$611.70

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12 June 2009	National Portrait Gallery, Parkes, ACT	Catering for Educators Preview, Vanity Fair Covers Exhibition	\$613.64
15 June 2009	Cairns, QLD	Regional Assessment Workshop dinner	\$1,451.64
17 June 2009	Parkes, ACT	Catering for briefing session about progress in reform of Pacific regional institutions as mandated by Pacific Islands Forum Leaders in 2008	\$113.18
18 June 2009	Cronulla, NSW	Regional Assessment Workshop dinner	\$1,142.73
27 June 2009	National Portrait Gallery, Parkes, ACT	Launch of the Vanity Fair Covers Exhibition	\$9,720.00

2. Both the Department of Finance and Deregulation and the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts are involved in recording hospitality undertaken by Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries.

The Department of Finance and Deregulation has provided the following information on Ministerial expenditure overseas.

<b>Office</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cost</b>
The Hon Peter Garrett AM MP	26 – 28 April 2008 (exact date uncertain)	Paris, France	Reciprocal hospitality afforded to foreign government officials, Members of Parliament and Ministers	\$151.57
The Hon Peter Garrett AM MP	10 – 11 March 2009 (exact date uncertain)	Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea	Finance is not aware of the purpose of the hospitality	\$360.41

According to Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts records, the offices of each of the department's Ministers and Parliamentary Secretary have incurred the following hospitality expenses.

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Senator The Hon Penny Wong	29 August – 1 September 2008	Wagga Wagga	Catering for consultation meetings with Murrumbidgee Irrigation Ltd and Coleambally Irrigation Ltd	\$231.82

Official hospitality expenses for the Office of The Hon Peter Garrett AM MP for 2008/09 total \$511.98. This includes expenses related to the event in Paris which was held in 2007/08 but not invoiced until the following financial year.

The Office of Senator The Hon Penny Wong has incurred \$231.82 in official hospitality expenses for 2008/09 in relation to her water portfolio responsibilities.

The Office of The Hon Dr Mike Kelly AM MP has not incurred any official hospitality expenses in relation to his water portfolio responsibilities since Dr Kelly was sworn in as Parliamentary Secretary for Water on 25 February 2009.

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<b>Output:</b>	All		
<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Corporate Strategies Division		
<b>Topic:</b>	Travel - Department		
<b>Hansard Page ECA:</b>	Written Question on Notice		

**Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:**

1. Please detail total travel expenses met by the Department.
2. In relation to all departmental travel expenses, please provide estimated resulting carbon emissions. Were any offsets purchased? If so, how many and at what cost?

**Answer/s:**

1. The total travel expense met by the Department for the 2008/2009 financial year was \$16,626,832.
2. The estimated total greenhouse gas emissions for the department's travel in 2008-09 is 3,647 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-e. Through a subscription with *Greenfleet* during 2008-09, 177 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions were offset at a cost of \$2432.10.

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<b>Outcome:</b>	Corporate Outcome	<b>Question No:</b>	180
<b>Output:</b>	Corporate Outcome		
<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Corporate Strategies Division		
<b>Topic:</b>	Discretionary Grants		
<b>Hansard Page ECA:</b>	Written Question on Notice		

**Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:**

Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants since November 2007? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.

**Answers:**

From 1 January 2009, the Department has published on its website, information on individual grants in compliance with the reporting requirements under the *Commonwealth Grant Guidelines 2009* <http://www.environment.gov.au/about/grants/index.html>

Providing information prior to 1 January 2009 would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources which the department is not prepared to authorise.

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<b>Outcome:</b>	Corporate Outcome	<b>Question No:</b>	181
<b>Program:</b>	Corporate Outcome		
<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Policy Coordination Division		
<b>Topic:</b>	Ministers Travel – June 2009		
<b>Hansard Page ECA:</b>	45 (19/10)		

**Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:**

**Senator BIRMINGHAM**—The question I posed was: which of those engagements or requests for meetings from any of those parties existed prior to the department being made aware early in the year of Minister Garrett’s desire to go to Paris to receive the French Order of Arts and Letters?

**Ms Kruk**—Senator Birmingham, as I indicated, I am not aware of the sequence of events, but the negotiations surrounding the IWC are a set agenda. Those dates are actually determined beforehand, as I understand it. I think, as Mr Sullivan indicated, our understanding is that he was the only recipient of the award and that there is every likelihood that that honour was actually established around his availability. That is probably as far as my knowledge can take me at the moment. If you have a specific question in terms of the sequence and the programming I am happy to take it on notice.

**Answers:**

None of the engagements or requests for meetings in Paris were made prior to the department being made aware that the French Government, through the Ministry of Culture, wished to award Minister Garrett with the Order of Arts and Letters.

Minister Garrett was formally notified that the honour recognising his contribution to the Arts both as an artist and as Minister for the Arts, had been bestowed in early 2009. At this time the Minister had an existing commitment to travel to Europe to attend the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission in Madeira, Portugal. The Minister also had a number of standing invitations for bilateral meetings in Paris. In this context, the final itinerary was the least cost option for the Minister accepting the award.

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<b>Program:</b>	Corporate Outcome		
<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Policy Coordination Division		
<b>Topic:</b>	Ministers Travel – March – June 2009		
<b>Hansard Page ECA:</b>	46 (20/10)		

**Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:**

At the time we last met and placed some questions on notice, the department had not managed to reconcile Minister Garrett's travel for the past financial year. We know the reconciliation for his travel to Santiago, Chile, and California in June/July 2008; and to Kaikoura and Wellington in New Zealand in September 2008, but we did not have final reconciliation for Madang in Papua New Guinea in March 2009, for Washington DC in April 2009, for Manado, Indonesia, in May 2009 or for Madeira and Paris in June 2009. Have those reconciliations been completed?

**Ms Kruk**—Can I take that on notice? I am looking at the question you posed previously. We provided you with information to the previous questions. Can I take that in a similar vein?

**Answers:**

1. The reconciliation for Minister Garrett's travel to Madang, Papua New Guinea in March 2009, to Washington DC, USA in April 2009 and to Manado, Indonesia in May 2009 has been completed, as below. Expenditure for the travel to Madeira, Portugal and Paris, France has not yet been reconciled.

2. The purpose and duration of the travel was as follows:

Madang, Papua New Guinea (10-11 March 2009) – To attend the Coral Triangle Initiative (CTI) Ministerial Forum.

Washington DC, USA (5-6 April 2009) – To attend the ministerial meeting to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Antarctic Treaty.

Manado, Indonesia (13-16 May 2009) – To attend the World Ocean Conference and Coral Triangle Initiative Leaders' Summit and Partners Meeting.

Madeira, Portugal and Paris, France (21-28 June 2009) – To attend the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission, and to accept a French Order of Arts and Letters and hold meetings on portfolio-related matters.

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3. The total cost for the Minister's travel was:

Madang, Papua New Guinea:

- a. Travel - \$2,759.14
- b. Accommodation - \$351.56
- c. Other expenses - \$486.41

Washington DC, USA:

- a. Travel - \$17,368.78
- b. Accommodation - \$594.02
- c. Other expenses - \$157.97

Manado, Indonesia:

- a. Travel - \$5,104.19
- b. Accommodation - \$0.00
- c. Other expenses - \$189.00

Madeira, Portugal and Paris, France. Expenditure for this overseas visit has not yet been reconciled. All costs of official overseas travel by Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries, accompanying spouses (where relevant) and accompanying staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* are paid for by the Department of Finance and Deregulation. Dates, destinations, the purpose and costs of all official overseas travel are tabled in the Parliament every six months in a report titled *Parliamentarians' Travel Paid By The Department of Finance and Deregulation*.

4. In Madang, Papua New Guinea, the Minister was accompanied by one ministerial staff member.

In Washington DC, USA, the Minister was accompanied by one ministerial staff member.

In Manado, Indonesia, the Minister was accompanied by one ministerial staff member.

In Madeira, Portugal, the Minister was accompanied by two ministerial staff members.

In Paris, France, the Minister was accompanied by one ministerial staff member.



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5. In Madang, Papua New Guinea, the Minister was accompanied by a Ministerial Adviser. The total cost for the Ministerial Adviser was:
- a. Travel - \$2,759.14
  - b. Accommodation - \$351.56
  - c. Other expenses - \$45.14

In Washington DC, USA, the Minister was accompanied by a Ministerial Adviser. The total cost for the Ministerial Adviser was:

- a. Travel - \$17,393.78
- b. Accommodation - \$445.14
- c. Other expenses - \$66.08

In Manado, Indonesia, the Minister was accompanied by a Ministerial Adviser. The total cost for the Ministerial Adviser was:

- a. Travel - \$5,104.19
- b. Accommodation - \$543.51
- c. Other expenses - \$795.50

In Madeira, Portugal the Minister was accompanied by a ministerial adviser and a media adviser. Expenditure for this overseas visit has not yet been reconciled. All costs of official overseas travel by Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries, accompanying spouses (where relevant) and accompanying staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* are paid for by the Department of Finance and Deregulation. Dates, destinations, the purpose and costs of all official overseas travel are tabled in the Parliament every six months in a report titled *Parliamentarians' Travel Paid By The Department of Finance and Deregulation*.

In Paris, France the Minister was accompanied by one ministerial adviser who continued on from Madeira, Portugal. Expenditure for this overseas visit has not yet been reconciled. All costs of official overseas travel by Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries, accompanying spouses (where relevant) and accompanying staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* are paid for by the Department of Finance and Deregulation. Dates, destinations, the purpose and costs of all official overseas travel are tabled in the Parliament every six months in a report titled *Parliamentarians' Travel Paid By The Department of Finance and Deregulation*.

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6. In Madang, Papua New Guinea, the Minister was accompanied by one Departmental officer.

In Washington DC, USA, the Minister was accompanied by four Departmental officers.

In Manado, Indonesia, the Minister was accompanied by four Departmental officers.

In Madeira, Portugal, the Minister was accompanied by four Departmental officers.

In Paris, France, the Minister was not accompanied by Departmental officers.

7. In Madang, Papua New Guinea, the total costs of the Departmental officer were:
- a. Travel - \$3,134.84
  - b. Accommodation - \$171.00
  - c. Other expenses - \$149.22

In Washington D.C., USA, the four Departmental officers and their total travel costs were:

Assistant Secretary, Marine Initiatives Branch, Marine Division. The total cost for this travel was:

- a. Travel - \$12,177.54
- b. Accommodation - \$2,954.48
- c. Other expenses - \$1,476.35

Director, Australian Antarctic Division. The total cost for this travel was:

- a. Travel - \$11,483.92
- b. Accommodation - \$3,515.12
- c. Other expenses - \$2,751.05

General Manager Policy, Australian Antarctic Division. The total cost for this travel was:

- a. Travel - \$11,702.61
- b. Accommodation - \$4,045.88
- c. Other expenses - \$3,087.66

Chief Scientist, Australian Antarctic Division. The total cost for this travel was:

- a. Travel - \$11,334.88
- b. Accommodation - \$2,480.15
- c. Other expenses - \$1,548.18

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In Manado, Indonesia the four departmental officers were:

First Assistant Secretary, Marine and Biodiversity Division. The total cost for this travel was:

- a. Travel - \$8,076.06
- b. Accommodation - \$896.04
- c. Other expenses - \$751.39

Assistant Secretary, Marine and Biodiversity Division. The total cost for this travel was:

- a. Travel - \$5,727.61
- b. Accommodation - \$0.00
- c. Other expenses - \$769.91

Manager, Coral Triangle Initiative Taskforce. The total cost for this travel was:

- a. Travel - \$4973.23
- b. Accommodation - \$0.00
- c. Other expenses - \$730.09

Public Affairs Officer. The total cost for this travel was:

- a. Travel - \$4,408.57
- b. Accommodation - \$0.00
- c. Other expenses - \$0.00

In Madeira, Portugal, the four Departmental officers and their travel costs were:

First Assistant Secretary, Marine and Biodiversity Division. The total cost for this travel was:

- a. Travel - \$11,735.00
- b. Accommodation - \$6,072.22
- c. Other expenses - \$3,212.56

Assistant Secretary, Marine and Biodiversity Division. The total cost for this travel was:

- a. Travel - \$10,992.04
- b. Accommodation - \$4,285.61
- c. Other expenses - \$2,980.81

Officer from the Australian Marine Mammals Centre, Australian Antarctic Division. The total cost for this travel was:

- a. Travel - \$10,416.30
- b. Accommodation - \$2,056.23
- c. Other expenses - \$1,991.13

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Officer from the Cetacean Policy and Recovery Section, Marine and Biodiversity Division. The total cost for this travel was:

- a. Travel - \$13,471.90
  - b. Accommodation - \$3,303.68
  - c. Other expenses - \$2,851.86
8. No costs or expenses, as covered above, were met by private companies, unions or other organisations.
9. Specific details of costs paid for by the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts are not readily available and compilation of these details would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources which I am not prepared to authorise.

The Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts does not have a policy on purchasing carbon offsets related to travel. The Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts has not adopted the offset regimes of any airlines.

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<b>Program:</b>	Corporate Outcome		
<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Policy Coordination Division		
<b>Topic:</b>	Ministers Travel – Paris June 2009		
<b>Hansard Page ECA:</b>	48 (19/10)		

**Senator ABETZ asked:**

**Senator ABETZ**—Yes. I would like to follow up on that and you can take it on notice if you need to. Can we be advised which appointment was locked into the diary, first for the Paris visit, and who initiated the contact to make the specific appointments in Paris for the minister, as to whether they came from the minister himself, suggesting that he make a visit upon these various agencies in Paris?

**Ms Kruk**—I am happy to take that on notice. I am prepared to affirm here that a number of those appointments I actually encouraged myself—certainly in relation to the energy efficiency area and COAG related matters—but I will take your question on notice.

**Answers:**

A departmental officer initiated contact with the Australian Embassy in Paris to establish a program of meetings for the Minister. All of the Minister's engagements in Paris were initiated at the same time via this contact.

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<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Policy Coordination Division		
<b>Topic:</b>	Arts – electorate level reports		
<b>Hansard Page ECA:</b>	Written Question on Notice		

**Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:**

1. Does the Department prepare electorate level reports for the Minister? What data is included in the reports?
2. How often is it updated?
3. Why is this material not publicly available? Please provide a copy of the latest reports.
4. Has electorate specific data been used by the current Government in any grants scheme since November 2007?
5. Are there any plans to publish a full suite of electoral reports on the Department's website? If not, why not? If so, when? What data will be included?

**Answers:**

1. The Department prepares electorate level reports to provide the Ministers with information regarding portfolio activities in the relevant electorate prior to each Community Cabinet meeting.
2. Information is collected on an as-needs basis.
3. This material is not publicly available as the Department provides electorate-level information regarding the status of current projects to the Ministers in the form of Ministerial briefing. This briefing may contain sensitive information related to the progress of projects, or to personal representations to the Ministers.
4. With one possible exception, the Department has not provided its Ministers with electorate information when recommending grants since 3 December 2007. The exception is that under the *Commonwealth Grant Guidelines*, the Department is required to advise the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts if a recommended application falls within his electorate.
5. No. To our knowledge, the Department has never collected aggregated information on the Department's activities in all Commonwealth electorates. Providing consistent and up-to-date information for all electorates would involve a very large commitment of staff resources.

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<b>Program:</b>	Corporate Outcome		
<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Policy and Coordination Division		
<b>Topic:</b>	Parliamentary Inquiry reports		
<b>Hansard Page ECA:</b>	Written Question on Notice		

**Senator LUDLAM asked:**

Three Parliamentary Inquiry reports into land transport await responses:

- House of Representatives Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage September 2005 report 'Sustainable Cities',
- Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee: February 2007 Report from the Inquiry into Australia's future oil supply and alternative transport, and,
- House of Representatives Standing Committee for Transport and Regional Services August 2007 "The Great Freight Task: Is Australia's transport network up to the challenge?"

1. Does the Government plan to respond to the above reports? If so, when?
2. What consideration has the government given to date since December 2007 to the contents and recommendations of the "Sustainable Cities" report and has this extended to interdepartmental meetings?

**Answers:**

The Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage & the Arts (DEWHA) is currently developing a response to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage report 'Sustainable Cities' that will need to reflect the Government's consideration of the related inquiry into a National Sustainability Charter, the outcomes of the Australia 2020 Summit and the recent review of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. It is envisaged that a final response will be provided in 2010. There have been no interdepartmental meetings regarding the Sustainable Cities report.

The other two land transport reports in this question are not handled by DEWHA.

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<b>Program:</b>	Corporate Outcome		
<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Policy Coordination Division		
<b>Topic:</b>	DEWHA Advertising		
<b>Hansard Page ECA:</b>	Written Question on Notice		

**Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:**

How much has the Department spent on advertising and marketing since November 2007?  
Please provide justification for each expenditure.

**Answers:**

Advertising has been defined as creative advertising, as opposed to non-campaign advertising such as recruitment and tender advertising.

The term marketing encompasses a broad range of activities including publications, sponsorship, public affairs activities, conferencing, social marketing initiatives, etc. Unless the scope of the question can be narrowed down, collection of this information since November 2007 would involve an unjustifiable diversion of resources.

Advertising by the department for the period 1 November 2007 to 20 October 2009 consisted of two advertising campaigns:

- A consumer information 'look for the tick' campaign conducted jointly with the Australian Refrigeration Council. The need for advertising was identified in the campaign communications strategy. The campaign aim was to give the Australian population the power (awareness) they need to make the right decision when it comes to installing, servicing and/or repairing their split-system air conditioner. The campaign ran from 16 November 2008 to 8 February 2009, with a total spend of \$949,977.94 (including GST), of which the department contributed \$581,839.20.
- A climate change household action campaign which sought to build awareness and understanding of climate change issues and encourage Australians to reduce carbon emissions. The need for advertising was identified in the campaign communications strategy. The campaign ran from 21 July 2008 until 31 October 2008, with a total campaign spend of \$9 million.



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Please refer to the Department of Finance's *Campaign Advertising by Australian Government Departments and Agencies-Full Report 2008-09* for breakdown on campaign spending. Note that the report lists this against the Department of Climate Change, however the campaign was run by the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and Arts.

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<b>Program:</b>	Corporate Outcome		
<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Policy Coordination Division		
<b>Topic:</b>	Travel - Ministerial		
<b>Hansard Page ECA:</b>	Written Question on Notice		

**Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:**

1. Have the Minister(s) and/or Parliamentary Secretary travelled overseas on official business in 2008-09?
2. If so, where was the travel, what was the purpose and what was the duration?
3. What was the total cost of:
  - a) travel
  - b) accommodation, and
  - c) any other expenses?
4. How many Ministerial staff or family accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary?
5. For these staff (please outline their position)/family what was the cost of:
  - a) travel
  - b) accommodation, and
  - c) any other expenses?
6. How many officers from the Department accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary?
7. In relation to these Departmental officers (please outline their position), what was the total cost of:
  - a) travel
  - b) accommodation, and
  - c) any other expenses?
8. Were any costs or expenses, as covered above, met by private companies, unions or other organisations? If so, please provide details.

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**Answers:**

1. The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts travelled overseas on official business eight times in 2008-09. The Minister for Climate Change and Water did not undertake any overseas travel principally related to her water responsibilities. The Parliamentary Secretary for Water did not travel overseas in 2008-09.

2. The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts travelled overseas as follows:

Santiago, Chile and California, USA (22 June – 2 July 2008) - To attend the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission and to hold meetings with Californian energy efficiency stakeholders.

Kaikoura and Wellington, New Zealand (8-11 September 2008) – To hold meetings with counterparts to advance key portfolio interests in Whale Conservation and Arts and Culture.

Madang, Papua New Guinea (10-11 March 2009) – To attend the Coral Triangle Initiative (CTI) Ministerial Forum.

Washington D.C., USA (5-6 April 2009) – To attend the ministerial meeting to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Antarctic Treaty.

Manado, Indonesia (13-16 May 2009) – To attend the World Ocean Conference and Coral Triangle Initiative Leaders' Summit and Partners Meeting.

Madeira, Portugal and Paris France (21-28 June 2009) – To attend the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission, and to accept a French Order of Arts and Letters and hold meetings on portfolio-related matters.

Washington DC, USA (8-13 September 2009) – To officially open the Australian Indigenous Art Triennial, Culture Warriors exhibition, to promote Australian arts and culture and hold meetings on portfolio-related matters.

Gizo and Honiara, Solomon Islands (18-20 November 2009) – To attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coral Triangle Initiative Ministerial Meeting.

3. The total cost for the Minister's travel was:

Santiago, Chile and California, USA:

- a. Travel - \$19,343.49
- b. Accommodation - \$8,214.10
- c. Other expenses - \$979.98

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Kaikoura and Wellington, New Zealand:

- a. Travel - \$2,775.54
- b. Accommodation - \$636.18
- c. Other expenses - \$282.08

Madang, Papua New Guinea:

- a. Travel - \$2,759.14
- b. Accommodation - \$351.56
- c. Other expenses - \$486.41

Washington D.C., USA:

- a. Travel - \$17,368.78
- b. Accommodation - \$594.02
- c. Other expenses - \$157.97

Manado, Indonesia:

- a. Travel - \$5,104.19
- b. Accommodation - \$0.00
- c. Other expenses - \$189.00

Madeira, Portugal and Paris, France:

Expenditure for this overseas visit has not yet been reconciled. All costs of official overseas travel by Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries, accompanying spouses (where relevant) and accompanying staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* are paid for by the Department of Finance and Deregulation. Dates, destinations, the purpose and costs of all official overseas travel are tabled in the Parliament every six months in a report titled *Parliamentarians' Travel Paid By The Department of Finance and Deregulation*.

Washington DC, USA:

Expenditure for this overseas visit has not yet been reconciled. All costs of official overseas travel by Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries, accompanying spouses (where relevant) and accompanying staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* are paid for by the Department of Finance and Deregulation. Dates, destinations, the purpose and costs of all official overseas travel are tabled in the Parliament every six months in a report titled *Parliamentarians' Travel Paid By The Department of Finance and Deregulation*.

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Gizo and Honiara, Solomon Islands:

Expenditure for this overseas visit has not yet been reconciled. All costs of official overseas travel by Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries, accompanying spouses (where relevant) and accompanying staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* are paid for by the Department of Finance and Deregulation. Dates, destinations, the purpose and costs of all official overseas travel are tabled in the Parliament every six months in a report titled *Parliamentarians' Travel Paid By The Department of Finance and Deregulation*.

4. In Santiago, Chile, the Minister was accompanied by two ministerial staff members.

In California, USA, the Minister was accompanied by one ministerial staff member.

In Kaikoura and Wellington, New Zealand, the Minister was accompanied by one ministerial staff member.

In Madang, Papua New Guinea, the Minister was accompanied by one ministerial staff member.

In Washington D.C., the Minister was accompanied by one ministerial staff member.

In Manado, Indonesia, the Minister was accompanied by one ministerial staff member.

In Madeira, Portugal, the Minister was accompanied by two ministerial staff members.

In Paris, France, the Minister was accompanied by one ministerial staff member.

In Washington, D.C., the Minister was accompanied by one ministerial staff member.

In Gizo and Honiara, Solomon Islands, the Minister was not accompanied by a ministerial staff member.

5. In Santiago, Chile, the Minister was accompanied by a Media Adviser. The total cost for the Media Adviser was:
- a. Travel - \$9,607.86
  - b. Accommodation - \$2,622.78
  - c. Other expenses - \$685.36

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In Santiago, Chile and California, USA, the Minister was accompanied by a Ministerial Adviser. The total cost for the Ministerial Adviser's combined travel was:

- a. Travel - \$19,341.64
- b. Accommodation - \$3,413.61
- c. Other expenses - \$1106.03

In Kaikoura and Wellington, New Zealand, the Minister was accompanied by a Ministerial Adviser. The total cost for the Ministerial Adviser was:

- a. Travel - \$2,775.54
- b. Accommodation - \$446.22
- c. Other expenses - \$511.87

In Madang, Papua New Guinea, the Minister was accompanied by a Ministerial Adviser. The total cost for the Ministerial Adviser was:

- a. Travel - \$2,759.14
- b. Accommodation - \$351.56
- c. Other expenses - \$45.14

In Washington D.C., USA, the Minister was accompanied by a Ministerial Adviser. The total cost for the Ministerial Adviser was:

- a. Travel - \$17,393.78
- b. Accommodation - \$445.14
- c. Other expenses - \$66.08

In Manado, Indonesia, the Minister was accompanied by a Ministerial Adviser. The total cost for the Ministerial Adviser was:

- a. Travel - \$5,104.19
- b. Accommodation - \$543.51
- c. Other expenses - \$795.50

In Madeira, Portugal the Minister was accompanied by two ministerial advisers. Expenditure for this overseas visit has not yet been reconciled. All costs of official overseas travel by Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries, accompanying spouses (where relevant) and accompanying staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* are paid for by the Department of Finance and Deregulation. Dates, destinations, the purpose and costs of all official overseas travel are tabled in the Parliament every six months in a report titled *Parliamentarians' Travel Paid By The Department of Finance and Deregulation*.

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In Paris, France the Minister was accompanied by one ministerial adviser who continued on from Madeira, Portugal. Expenditure for this combined overseas visit has not yet been reconciled. All costs of official overseas travel by Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries, accompanying spouses (where relevant) and accompanying staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* are paid for by the Department of Finance and Deregulation. Dates, destinations, the purpose and costs of all official overseas travel are tabled in the Parliament every six months in a report titled *Parliamentarians' Travel Paid By The Department of Finance and Deregulation*.

In Washington DC, USA the Minister was accompanied by one ministerial adviser. Expenditure for this overseas visit has not yet been reconciled. All costs of official overseas travel by Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries, accompanying spouses (where relevant) and accompanying staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* are paid for by the Department of Finance and Deregulation. Dates, destinations, the purpose and costs of all official overseas travel are tabled in the Parliament every six months in a report titled *Parliamentarians' Travel Paid By The Department of Finance and Deregulation*.

In Gizo and Honiara, Solomon Islands the Minister was not accompanied by ministerial staff.

6. In Santiago, Chile, the Minister was accompanied by seven Departmental officers.

In California, USA, the Minister was accompanied by two Departmental officers.

In Kaikoura and Wellington, New Zealand, the Minister was accompanied by one Departmental officer.

In Madang, Papua New Guinea, the Minister was accompanied by one Departmental officer.

In Washington D.C., USA, the Minister was accompanied by four Departmental officers.

In Manado, Indonesia, the Minister was accompanied by four Departmental officers.

In Madeira, Portugal, the Minister was accompanied by four Departmental officers.

In Paris, France the Minister was not accompanied by Departmental officers.

In Washington, D.C, the Minister was not accompanied by Departmental officers.

In Gizo and Honiara, Solomon Islands, the Minister was accompanied by one Departmental officer.

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7. In Santiago, Chile the seven Departmental officers and their total costs were:

Australia's Commissioner to the International Whaling Commission and First Assistant Secretary, Marine and Biodiversity Division:

- a. Travel - \$9,833.98
- b. Accommodation - \$7,191.61
- c. Other expenses - \$1,641.86

Assistant Secretary, Marine Initiatives Branch, Marine and Biodiversity Division:

- a. Travel - \$9,823.24
- b. Accommodation - \$4,168.08
- c. Other expenses - \$2,207.52

Leader, Australian Marine Mammals Centre, Australian Antarctic Division:

- a. Travel - \$10,404.81
- b. Accommodation - \$5,048.40
- c. Other expenses - \$3,757.11

Assistant Director, Cetacean Policy and Recovery Section:

- a. Travel - \$9,833.24
- b. Accommodation - \$4,400.19
- c. Other expenses - \$2,068.63

Assistant Director, Cetacean Policy and Recovery Section.

- a. Travel - \$9,657.99
- b. Accommodation - \$5,507.11
- c. Other expenses - \$2,476.22

Director, Public Affairs, Policy Coordination Division.

- a. Travel - \$10,212.49
- b. Accommodation - \$2762.70
- c. Other expenses - \$1,292.04

The Secretary accompanied the Minister in Santiago, Chile and in California, USA.  
Total costs for the combined travel were:

- a. Travel - \$25,853.79
- b. Accommodation - \$2907.40
- c. Other expenses - \$2,237.50.



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In California, USA, First Assistant Secretary, Renewables and Energy Efficiency Division, accompanied the Minister. The total cost of this travel was:

- a. Travel - \$10,363.97
- b. Accommodation - \$908.35
- c. Other expenses - \$831.47.

In Kaikoura and Wellington, New Zealand, the total costs of the Departmental officer, an Assistant Secretary in the Marine Initiatives Branch, Marine and Biodiversity Division, were:

- a. Travel - \$2932.01
- b. Accommodation - \$567.33
- c. Other expenses - \$311.01.

In Madang, Papua New Guinea, the total costs of the Departmental officer, the Manager of the Coral Triangle Initiative Taskforce, were:

- a. Travel - \$3,134.84
- b. Accommodation - \$171.00
- c. Other expenses - \$149.22

In Washington DC, USA, the four Departmental officers and their total travel costs were:

Assistant Secretary, Marine Initiatives Branch, Marine and Biodiversity Division. The total cost for this travel was:

- a. Travel - \$12,177.54
- b. Accommodation - \$2,954.48
- c. Other expenses - \$1,476.35

Director, Australian Antarctic Division. The total cost for this travel was:

- a. Travel - \$11,483.92
- b. Accommodation - \$3,515.12
- c. Other expenses - \$2,751.05

General Manager Policy, Australian Antarctic Division. The total cost for this travel was:

- a. Travel - \$11,702.61
- b. Accommodation - \$4,045.88
- c. Other expenses - \$3,087.66

Chief Scientist, Australian Antarctic Division. The total cost for this travel was:

- a. Travel - \$11,334.88
- b. Accommodation - \$2,480.15
- c. Other expenses - \$1,548.18.

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In Manado, Indonesia the four Departmental officers and their total travel costs were:

First Assistant Secretary, Marine and Biodiversity Division. The total cost for this travel was:

- a. Travel - \$8,076.06
- b. Accommodation - \$896.04
- c. Other expenses - \$751.39

Assistant Secretary, Marine and Biodiversity Division. The total cost for this travel was:

- a. Travel - \$5,727.61
- b. Accommodation - \$0.00
- c. Other expenses - \$769.91

Manager, Coral Triangle Initiative Taskforce. The total cost for this travel was:

- a. Travel - \$4973.23
- b. Accommodation - \$0.00
- c. Other expenses - \$730.09

Public Affairs Officer, Policy Coordination Division. The total cost for this travel was:

- a. Travel - \$4,408.57
- b. Accommodation - \$0.00
- c. Other expenses - \$0.00

In Madeira, Portugal the four Departmental officers and their total travel costs were:

First Assistant Secretary, Marine and Biodiversity Division. The total cost for this travel was:

- a. Travel - \$11,735.00
- b. Accommodation - \$6,072.22
- c. Other expenses - \$3,212.56

Assistant Secretary, Marine and Biodiversity Division. The total cost for this travel was:

- a. Travel - \$10,992.04
- b. Accommodation - \$4,285.61
- c. Other expenses - \$2,980.81

Officer from the Australian Marine Mammals Centre, Australian Antarctic Division. The total cost for this travel was:

- a. Travel - \$10,416.30
- b. Accommodation - \$2,056.23
- c. Other expenses - \$1,991.13

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Officer from the Cetacean Policy and Recovery Section, Marine and Biodiversity Division. The total cost for this travel was:

- a. Travel - \$13,471.90
- b. Accommodation - \$3,303.68
- c. Other expenses - \$2,851.86

In Gizo and Honiara, Solomon Islands, the Departmental officer was the Manager of the Coral Triangle Initiative Taskforce. The total cost for this travel has not yet been reconciled.

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<b>Program:</b>	Corporate Outcome		
<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Policy Coordination Division		
<b>Topic:</b>	DEWHA Media Monitoring		
<b>Hansard Page ECA:</b>	Written Question on Notice		

**Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:**

How much does the Department spend on media monitoring services?  
Please provide details of this expenditure.

**Answers:**

The total media monitoring expenditure by the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and Arts (DEWHA) for the period 1 January 2009 to 20 October 2009 was \$541,185.76 including GST.

The monitoring of media is a service that is provided by DEWHA under an overarching Service Delivery Agreement for corporate services to the Director of National Parks and Bureau of Meteorology.