

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES  
**TOPIC:** MINISTER BAILEY'S TRIP TO INDIA  
**REFERENCE:** HANSARD 29/05/06, PAGE E89

**QUESTION No.BI-37**

(Hansard 29/05/06, p.E89)

**Senator O'Brien** asked about:

Did Minister Bailey's trip to India in September 2005 involve a stopover in Singapore? If so, what was the purpose of the stopover and the total cost, if it was paid for at taxpayer expense?

**ANSWER**

No. The Minister transited in Singapore to and from India, but did not stop over.

**QUESTION No.BI-38**

(Hansard 29/05/06, p.E89)

**Senator O'Brien** asked about:

Did Minister Bailey change her accommodation in India from the Hilton Hotel to the Taj Mahal Palace?

**ANSWER**

An initial booking was sought by the High Commission at the Taj Mahal Palace and Tower in Mumbai. Pending confirmation of room availability, a booking was made at the Hilton Hotel. This Hilton booking was cancelled upon confirmation of room availability at the Taj Mahal Palace and Tower.

**QUESTION No.BI-39**

(Hansard 29/05/06, p.E89)

**Senator O'Brien** asked about:

Can you provide the total cost (itemised) of Minister Bailey's trip to India?

**ANSWER**

An itemised costing of Minister Bailey's visit to India, as provided by the Department of Finance and Administration, is set out in the following table.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost (\$A)</b>
Transport	11,177.08
Accommodation and meals	7,546.29
Other costs	682.07
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,405.44</b>