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Topic: APEC 2007 Host City, Organisational Structure, Security, and Cost

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Senator Chris Evans asked:

1. What was the involvement of the Department in the selection of the city to host the 2007 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meeting, and whose final decision was it, based on what material?

In September 2004 a taskforce was established in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) to organise the logistical aspects of the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting (AELM). This taskforce was responsible for identifying possible sites for hosting the meeting. Options for locations to host the AELM were taken to the Government for consideration. After reviewing the submissions, the Government indicated Sydney as the preferred host city. Material provided included information on the location and capacity of key venues, and an assessment of event management and security capability.

2. Will PM&C be the main agency, as it was for CHOGM Brisbane, and will similar structures be set up (Taskforce etc)?

The APEC 2007 Taskforce was established within PM&C in September 2004. It is responsible for the management of organisational and logistical arrangements for the AELM, and the ministerial meetings and senior official meetings held throughout Australia's APEC year. The structure of the taskforce is different to that of CHOGM. It does not have a policy role as Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) will be responsible for developing the policy agenda across the APEC year. PM&C's International Division will be responsible for the Department's policy contribution.

3. Are there yet defined roles for Commonwealth, States etc, and what are those roles?

APEC is an Australian Government event and the Australian Government is responsible for hosting all APEC related meetings. As is normal practice, the state and territory governments will play an important role in assisting on provision of security.

4. How will security issues be dealt with?

Security will be dealt with on a tiered approach. Tier 1 security is internal security activities, procedures, staff and equipment deployed and managed within physical venues in order to secure the venue. Tier 2 security is activities, procedures, staff and equipment deployed and managed by the jurisdictional state or territory police external to physical venues in order to secure the wider environment. Tier 3 security

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is the Australian Government security overlay, elements of which provide additional capacity to Tier 1 and Tier 2 security functions as well as wider protection, intelligence and capacity functions. The three tiers of security are the collective responsibility of the Protective Security Coordination Centre (PSCC), the APEC 2007 Taskforce, and the jurisdictional police of the relevant states and territories; and will include the Australian Defence Force and other Australian Government agencies as appropriate.

5. Does the Department have indicative costs yet, lead-up years and for the event itself?

The taskforce and other relevant agencies are in the process of developing a budget which will form part of the 2005-06 budget process.