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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator Ray asked: I refer to an answer to a question taken on notice, I think from Senator Evans. We have been kindly provided with information about the expenses for visiting dignitaries-usually heads of government or heads of state. Looking through them all, there is an item of 'other expenses'. That is generally fairly low for most of them, but in two cases it seems to me, on the face of it, to be high. I do not understand what 'other expenses' are. For the former Prime Minister of Fiji it is \$43,306 and for the first Prime Minister of Cambodia it is \$68,677. What I am really asking is: what constitutes 'other expenses'?

Answer: For the visit by the former Prime Minister of Fiji the 'other expenses' are a combination of costs. \$40,408.20 was for the official luncheon hosted by the Prime Minister in the Great Hall. The remainder are for a number of miscellaneous expenses such as the official photography of the visit.

For the visit by the Prime Minister of Cambodia, 'other expenses' involved \$55,544.98 for the official luncheon hosted by the Prime Minister in the Great Hall. The remainder are also miscellaneous expenses such as the manufacturing of flags and the official photography of the visit.

