

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Additional Budget Estimates Hearings 2006-2007, 12-13 February 2007

Question: PM 69.

Outcome 1, Output 3.

Topic: APEC 2007 – Taskforce travel costs

Direct on Notice: Written

Senator Evans asked: 1) Please indicate the total of spending on travel by taskforce staff since November 2006. Please provide a total figure as well as a breakdown by:

- a) international air travel,**
- b) domestic air travel,**
- c) ground transport,**
- d) accommodation, means and incidentals.**

2) Please refer to question PM 45 from October / November 2006 Estimates hearings and provide an updated response to part 5 of that question.

3) Please provide a breakdown of all expenditure items greater than \$10,000 for the categories 'other administration costs' and 'capital equipment purchased', should such costs have been incurred.

4) Please provide a breakdown of all expenditures greater than \$10,000 included under 'other administration costs' (expenditure since May 2006) in response to PM 45, part 6 from the October / November 2006 Estimates hearings.

5) Please provide a breakdown of all expenditures greater than \$10,000 included under 'capital equipment purchased' (expenditure since May 2006) in response to PM 45, part 6 from the October / November 2006 Estimates hearings.

6) Has the Canberra-based component of taskforce staff moved into the new accommodation at One National Circuit to date?

7) If so, please indicate the date on which the move was completed.

8) Please provide details of current taskforce staffing levels, broken down by public service grade. For each category, please indicate the number of ongoing and non-ongoing staff.

1) Answer: Total Taskforce travel expenditure from 1 November 2006 to 31 January 2007 is \$584,000.

- a) international air travel - \$31,000 in residual costs relating to reconnaissance trips to Vietnam.**
- b) domestic air travel - \$272,000 includes SOM1 expenditure.**
- c) ground transport - \$30,000.**

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d) accommodation, meals and incidentals - \$251,000 includes SOM1 expenditure.

2) **Answer:** See table below.

Expense Type	Amount for 2005/06	Amount for 7mths 2006/07	Total Spent	Expenditure from 1 Nov to 31 Jan 2007
Employee Costs	6,413,853	9,460,459	15,874,311	4,797,567
Accommodation Costs	1,751,231	1,302,009	3,053,240	604,882
Other Administration Costs	7,076,116	18,568,574	25,644,690	12,549,722
Depreciation	194,985	1,133,647	1,328,632	909,654
Total Operating Expenses	15,436,184	30,464,689	45,900,873	18,861,825
Capital Equipment Purchased	1,526,854	2,783,179	4,310,033	1,139,699
Total Operating and Capital Expense	16,963,038	33,247,869	50,210,907	20,001,525

3) **Answer:** Government expenditure is publicly reported in up to 3 ways;

- all procurements over \$10,000 (\$10k) are published in the Gazette on Austender - contracts.gov.au,
- all contracts over \$100,000(\$100k) are reported six monthly in the Murray Order and;
- all consultancies over \$10,000 (\$10k) are included in a Departments Annual Report.

APEC 2007 Taskforce expenditure is also to be reported publicly in the ways outlined above. Our internal reporting systems are designed to produce the above reports. Given the volume of spending over the period involved, the resources required to produce the requested reports are very labour intensive and would divert existing resources from planning and implementing the APEC suite of meetings.

4) **Answer:** as per response to Question 2).

5) **Answer:** as per response to Question 2).

6) **Answer:** yes.

7) **Answer:** 26 February 2007.

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8) Answer:

STAFF BREAKDOWN AS AT 9 MARCH 2007

	Non-Ongoing Engagement	Permanent Public Service
APS3	1	
APS4	17	2
APS5	13	5
APS6	43	17
EL1	58	21
EL2	15	14
SESB1	1	7
SESB3		1
TOTALS	148	67
GRAND TOTAL	215	

Breakup of Permanent Public Service

Permanent PMC	Movement Non-Ongoing	Secondments
1	1	
3	2	
4	10	3
5	14	2
8	2	4
5	1	1
	1	
26	31	10