

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 70

Outcome 1, Output

Topic: Prime Minister's overseas visits

Direct on Notice:

Senator Evans asked: Please refer to the response to question PM 46 from the October/November 2006 estimates hearings. Please provide additional information by indicating, for each of the five journeys described in that response, the name of the accommodation (hotel etc) where the Prime Minister stayed and the cost of the Prime Minister's personal accommodation. Please refer to question PM 46 from the October/November 2006 estimates hearings. Please provide an updated response to that question, in relation to journeys subsequent to those listed in response to PM 46. In addition to the figure for total accommodation costs for each trip, please indicate the total cost of the Prime Minister's accommodation (distinct from that of the party), as well as the name of the accommodation.

Answer:

The Department of Finance and Administration pay for costs incurred by the Prime Minister. Attached are the costs on a visit by visit basis for the staff of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

All costs quoted are as at 20 February 2007.



Destination:

India

Date:

5 to 9 March 2006

Accommodation:

New Delhi

Taj Mahal Hotel

Accommodation for the Prime Minister
was provided by the host government

Mumbai

Taj Mahal Palace and Tower Hotel

Accommodation for the Prime Minister
was provided by the host government

Chennai

Taj Coromandel Hotel

Accommodation for the Prime Minister
was provided by the host government



Destination: United States of America, Canada, Ireland

Date: 12 to 25 May 2006

Accommodation:

Washington

Blair House Accommodation for the Prime Minister
was provided by the host government

Chicago

Peninsula Hotel Awaiting advice from the Department of Finance
and Administration

Ottawa

Fairmount Château Laurier Hotel Accommodation for the Prime Minister
was provided by the host government

Dublin

Farmleigh House Accommodation for the Prime Minister
was provided by the host government



Destination: Republic of Indonesia and
People's Republic of China

Date: 25 to 29 June 2006

Accommodation:

Batam Island, Indonesia

Batam View Beach Resort

Awaiting advice from the Department of Finance
and Administration

Shenzhen, People's Republic of China

Wuzhou Guest House

Accommodation for the Prime Minister
was provided by the host government



Destination: Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

Date: 18 July 2006

Accommodation:

Day trip only - no accommodation required.



Destination: Republic of the Fiji Islands

Date: 23 to 25 October 2006

Accommodation:

Nadi

Sheraton Fiji Resort, Dunarau Island

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and Administration



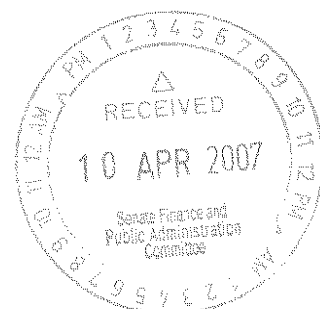
Destination: Vietnam

Date: 16 to 21 November 2006

Purpose of visit: APEC

COSTS

Travel	\$13,343.68
Accommodation	\$21,792.46
<i>Hanoi</i>	
<i>Hilton Hanoi Opera Hotel</i>	
<i>Prime Minister's accommodation</i>	<i>\$1,384.00 (AUD)</i> <i>per night</i>
<i>Ho Chi Minh City</i>	
<i>Park Hyatt Saigon Hotel</i>	
<i>Prime Minister's accommodation</i>	<i>\$2,962.00 (AUD)</i> <i>per night</i>
Other transport	\$1,559.33
Meals/drinks/incidentals	\$2,309.35
Number in the party	4



Destination: Malaysia

Date: 29 November to 1 December 2006

Purpose of visit: For discussions with Prime Minister Abdullah Badawi.
To foster and promote the close relationship between
the two nations.

COSTS

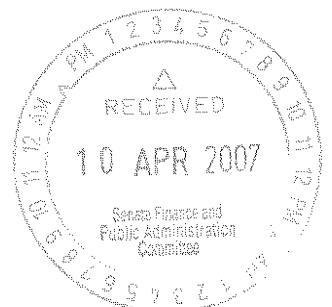
Travel	\$5,271.79
Accommodation <i>Shangri-La Hotel</i>	\$4,090.54
<i>Prime Minister's accommodation</i>	<i>\$1,057.00 (AUD)</i> <i>per night</i>
Other transport	\$181.80
Meals/drinks/incidentals	\$2,492.10
Number in the party:	3



Destination: Philippines
Date: 14 to 15 January 2007
Purpose of visit: East Asia Summit

COSTS

Travel	\$31,045.84
Accommodation <i>Marco Polo Plaza Hotel</i>	\$1,279.98
<i>Prime Minister's accommodation</i>	<i>Paid by the host government</i>
Other transport	\$878.59
Meals/drinks/incidentals	\$2,972.38
Number in the party:	3



Destination: New Zealand

Date: 15 to 16 February 2007

Purpose of visit: Annual bilateral Prime Ministers' talks

COSTS

Travel	accounts yet to be received
Accommodation <i>Duxton Hotel</i>	accounts yet to be received
<i>Prime Minister's accommodation</i>	<i>Paid by the host government</i>
Other transport	accounts yet to be received
Meals/drinks/incidentals	accounts yet to be received
Number in the party:	5

