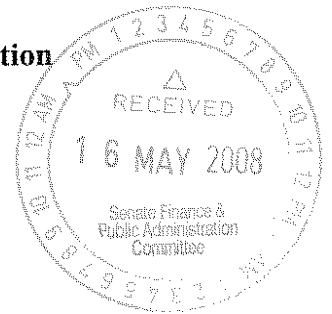


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**Written question reference:** CC26c

**Outcome/Output:** Response to climate change

**Topic:** Bali Climate Change Conference

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**Question: (MACDONALD)**

Regarding the overall Australian delegation to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Bali in December 2007, how many ministerial staff attended (specify for each minister)?

**Answer:**

Senator Minchin asked the same question of the Minister for Climate Change and Water, the Minister representing the Prime Minister, the Minister representing the Treasurer, the Minister representing the Minister for Trade, the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister representing the Minister for Environment, Heritage and the Arts (Question No:85-90), upon notice, on 12 February 2008. The Minister for Climate Change and Water has provided her response which was tabled on 15 May 2008 (Question No. 89).

Please refer to the tabled responses at **Attachment A** for each Minister.

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**Written question reference:** CC26d

**Outcome/Output:** Response to climate change

**Topic:** Bali Climate Change Conference

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**Question: (MACDONALD)**

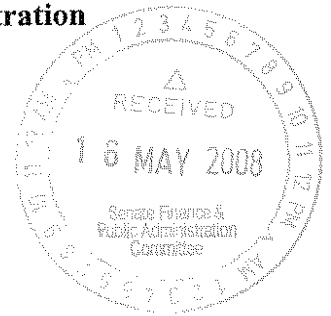
Regarding the overall Australian delegation to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Bali in December 2007, what was the total cost for ministers and their personal staff attending?

**Answer:**

Senator Minchin asked the same question of the Minister for Climate Change and Water, the Minister representing the Prime Minister, the Minister representing the Treasurer, the Minister representing the Minister for Trade, the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister representing the Minister for Environment, Heritage and the Arts (Question No:85-90), upon notice, on 12 February 2008. The Minister for Climate Change and Water has provided her response which was tabled on 15 May 2008 (Question No. 89).

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**Written question reference:** CC26e

**Outcome/Output:** Response to climate change

**Topic:** Bali Climate Change Conference

**Hansard Page:** Not relevant for written QoN

**Question: (MACDONALD)**

Regarding the overall Australian delegation to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Bali in December 2007, how many departmental staff attended (specify for each department represented)?

**Answer:**

Senator Minchin asked the same question of the Minister for Climate Change and Water, the Minister representing the Prime Minister, the Minister representing the Treasurer, the Minister representing the Minister for Trade, the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister representing the Minister for Environment, Heritage and the Arts (Question No:85-90), upon notice, on 12 February 2008. The Minister for Climate Change and Water has provided her response which was tabled on 15 May 2008 (Question No. 89).

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**Written question reference:** CC26f  
**Outcome/Output:** Response to climate change  
**Topic:** Bali Climate Change Conference  
**Hansard Page:** Not relevant for written QoN

**Question: (MACDONALD)**

Regarding the overall Australian delegation to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Bali in December 2007, what was the total cost of attendance of each department's officials?

**Answer:**

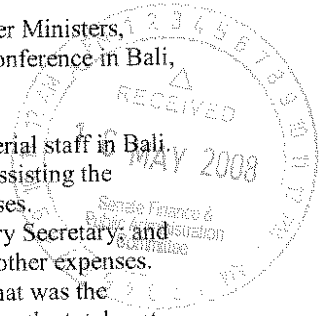
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**Climate Change Conference - (Question No. 85)**

**Senator Minchin** asked the Minister representing the Prime Minister in the Senate and Other Ministers, upon notice, on 12 February 2008: With reference to the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Bali, Indonesia from 3 to 14 December 2007:



- (1) What was the length of stay of the Minister, the Parliamentary Secretary and any ministerial staff in Bali.
- (2) For the duration of the Minister's stay, and for the stay of any Parliamentary Secretary assisting the Minister, what was the total cost of: (a) travel; (b) accommodation; and (c) any other expenses.
- (3) (a) How many ministerial staff or family accompanied the Minister and the Parliamentary Secretary; and (b) for these people, what was the total cost of: (i) travel; (ii) accommodation; and (iii) any other expenses.
- (4) (a) How many officers from the department were in attendance at the conference; (b) what was the duration of attendance at the conference by these officers; and (c) for these officers, what was the total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.

**Senator Chris Evans**—The Prime Minister has provided the following answer to the honourable senator's question:

(1) 3 days, 11-13 December 2007

(2) As at 14 March 2008 the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance) had paid costs for the following:

- (a) Travel by Special Purpose Aircraft (costs of travel by Special Purpose Aircraft will be tabled in the Parliament by the Department of Defence in accordance with established practice).
- (b) Accommodation \$1,081.82 (includes a component for meals, which Finance is unable to split).
- (c) Hospitality \$39,051.67, office equipment \$5,233.65, ground transport \$3,026.89, travel allowance \$252.00, incidentals \$727.57.

(3) As at 14 March 2008 the Department of Finance and Deregulation had paid costs for the following:

- (a) Six staff accompanied the Prime Minister.
- (b) (i) Airfare for advance party \$6,605.28, main party travelled by Special Purpose Aircraft which (costs of travel by Special Purpose Aircraft will be tabled in the Parliament by the Department of Defence in accordance with established practice).
- (ii) Accommodation \$6,904.79 (includes a component for meals, which Finance is unable to split). Finance also paid costs, as at 14 March 2008, of \$1,125.74 for the Prime Minister's accompanying physician. This amount is also included in the above answer to part 3(b).
- (iii) Travel allowance \$2,726.62.

(4) (a) Four officers from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

(b) The two Advance Team Officers stayed for 6 days 8-13 December 2007 and the remaining departmental officers travelled with the Prime Minister.

- (c) (i) Airfares \$7,817.46.
- (ii) Accommodation \$8,934.56 (includes a component for meals, which the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is unable to split).
- (iii) Advance office room and equipment \$4,740.70, transport \$6,643.81.

## Climate Change Conference - (Question No. 86)

**Senator Minchin** asked the Minister representing the Treasurer, upon notice, on 12 February 2008: With reference to the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Bali, Indonesia from 3 to 14 December 2007:

- (1) What was the length of stay of the Minister, the Parliamentary Secretary and any ministerial staff in Bali.
- (2) For the duration of the Minister's stay, and for the stay of any Parliamentary Secretary assisting the Minister, what was the total cost of: (a) travel; (b) accommodation; and (c) any other expenses.
- (3) (a) How many ministerial staff or family accompanied the Minister and the Parliamentary Secretary; and (b) for these people, what was the total cost of: (a) travel; (b) accommodation; and (c) any other expenses.
- (4) (a) How many officers from the department were in attendance at the conference; (b) what was the duration of attendance at the conference by these officers; and (c) for these officers, what was the total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.

**Senator Conroy**—The Treasurer has provided the following answer to the honourable senator's question:

- (1) The length of stay for the Minister and his ministerial staff was 4 days (arriving Bali 9/12/07 – departing Bali 12/12/07 arriving Brisbane 13/12/07)
- (2) For the duration of the Minister's stay the total cost of
  - (a) travel - \$4,980.00
  - (b) accommodation – \$1611.00
  - (c) any other expenses - \$ 3033.00
- (3) Two ministerial staff accompanied the Minister on this trip. The total cost of
  - (a) travel - \$9960.00
  - (b) accommodation – \$2640.00
  - (c) any other expenses - \$981.00
- (4) (a) How many officers from the department were in attendance at the conference; Four Treasury staff attended the conference.
- (b) what was the duration of attendance at the conference by these officers, 10 December to 14 December 2007.
- (c) for these officers, what was the total cost of:
  - (i) travel, The total cost of travel was \$23,092.90
  - (ii) accommodation, The total cost of accommodation was \$6,407.38 and
  - (iii) any other expenses, \$1,358.43 (meals and incidentals)



## Climate Change Conference - (Question Nos 87 and 88)

Senator Minchin asked the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Trade, upon notice, on 12 February 2008: With reference to the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Bali, Indonesia from 3 to 14 December 2007:

- (1) What was the length of stay of the Minister, the Parliamentary Secretary and any ministerial staff in Bali.
- (2) For the duration of the Minister's stay, and for the stay of any Parliamentary Secretary assisting the Minister, what was the total cost of: (a) travel; (b) accommodation; and (c) any other expenses.
- (3) (a) How many ministerial staff or family accompanied the Minister and the Parliamentary Secretary; and (b) for these people, what was the total cost of: (a) travel; (b) accommodation; and (c) any other expenses.
- (4) (a) How many officers from the department were in attendance at the conference; (b) what was the duration of attendance at the conference by these officers; and (c) for these officers, what was the total cost of: (i) travel, (b) accommodation, and (c) any other expenses.

Senator Faulkner—The following answer has been provided by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Trade to the honourable senator's questions:

- (1) Mr Smith and party: 11-14 December 2007 Mr Crean and party: 7-9 December 2007

(2) Mr Smith:

- (a) Travel by Special Purpose Aircraft (cost of travel by Special Purpose Aircraft will be tabled in the Parliament by the Department of Defence in accordance with established practice).
- (b) \$1,124.76
- (c) \$2,739.35 (includes \$1,124.76 accommodation for Indonesian Close Personal Protection (CPP) team, \$563.16 allowances for Indonesian CPP team (Jakarta post expenses), \$92.00 wreaths for Bali bombings memorial (Bali post expense); \$707.43 meals, \$252.00 allowances (Department of Finance and Deregulation expenses)). Mr Smith was part of the Prime Minister's official party and most of his on-the-ground expenses were included in the costs for the official party as a whole. Please see separate response from the Prime Minister to Senator Minchin's question about Mr Rudd and party's attendance at the conference.)

Mr Crean:

- (a) \$9,751.01 (Department of Finance and Deregulation expense – includes travel to Jakarta, Bali and Singapore)
- (b) \$1,611.18 (Department of Finance and Deregulation expense)
- (c) \$16,864.69 (includes \$763.00 ground transport, \$137.65 meals, \$315.00 allowances, \$151.98 incidentals, laundry \$10.01 (Department of Finance and Deregulation expenses – includes costs for Jakarta and Bali); \$183.82 two wreaths for Bali bombings memorial (Bali post expense); \$9,295.31 temporary ministerial office and equipment, \$2,732.61 car hire, \$2,081.19 accommodation for Indonesian CPP team, \$563.16 allowances for Indonesian CPP team, \$630.96 airfares Jakarta-Bali return for Indonesian CPP team (Jakarta post expenses))

(3) Mr Smith:

- (a) The acting Chief of Staff accompanied the Minister
- (b) (a) \$1,072.39 (flight Darwin-Canberra, rest of travel by SPA) (b) \$1,124.76
- (c) \$362.53 (meals and incidentals). DFAT paid expenses as the acting Chief of Staff was on secondment from DFAT (not on MOPS).

Mr Crean:

- (a) Mrs Crean and the Chief of Staff accompanied the Minister
- (b) (i) \$19,502.02 (Department of Finance and Deregulation – includes travel to Jakarta, Bali and Singapore for Mrs Crean and the Chief of Staff)
- (ii) Mrs Crean: nil; Chief of Staff: \$1,320.00 (Department of Finance and Deregulation expense)
- (c) \$676.12 (includes \$458.14 car hire for Mrs Crean, \$131.66 spouse program hospitality (Jakarta post expenses); \$86.32 Chief of Staff allowances (Department of Finance and Deregulation expense))

(4) (a) A total of seven DFAT staff (four from Canberra and three from the post in Jakarta) attended the conference to support Mr Smith's and Mr Crean's visits. For details of general attendance by DFAT staff at the conference, please see response from Senator the Honourable Penny Wong to Senator Minchin's separate question on departmental attendance at the conference (at the time of the conference, climate change issues that are now the responsibility of the Department of Climate Change were handled by DFAT).

(b) Officer 1: 7-9 December

Officer 2: 7-9 December

Officer 3: 4-16 December (also provided general support to Australian delegation)

Officer 4: 4-16 December (also provided general support to Australian delegation)

Officer 6: 1-13 December (also provided general support to Australian delegation)

Officer 5: 10-14 December

Officer 7: 7-10 December

- (c) (a) \$16,928.28 direct airfares for 6 officers (three travelling from Canberra to Bali return, and three from Jakarta to Bali return), plus \$11,108 for travel by one officer to Jakarta, Bali and Singapore (b) \$20,562.68 (c) \$4,291.87 (meals and incidentals)

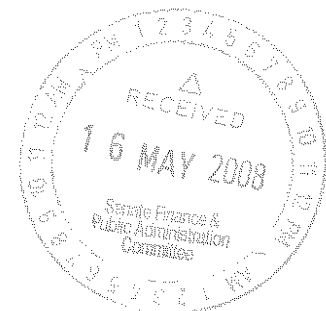
## Climate Change Conference (Question No. 89)

**Senator Minchin** asked the Minister for Climate Change and Water, upon notice, on 12 February 2008; With reference to the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Bali, Indonesia from 3 to 14 December 2007:

- (1) What was the length of stay of the Minister, the Parliamentary Secretary and any ministerial staff in Bali. (For the duration of the Minister's stay, and for the stay of any Parliamentary Secretary assisting the Minister, what was the total cost of: (a) travel; (b) accommodation; and (c) any other expenses.
- (3) (a) How many ministerial staff or family accompanied the Minister and the Parliamentary Secretary; and (b) for these people, what was the total cost of: (a) travel; (b) accommodation; and (c) any other expenses.
- (4) (a) How many officers from the department were in attendance at the conference; (b) what was the duration of attendance at the conference by these officers; and (c) for these officers, what was the total cost of: (i) travel, (b) accommodation, and (c) any other expenses

**Senator Wong**—The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

- (1) The Minister and one adviser stayed in Bali from 10-15 December 2007.
- (2) Total costs for the Minister were as follows
  - (a) Travel - \$6,394
  - (b) Accommodation - \$4,010
  - (c) Other expenses - \$378
- (3) The Minister was accompanied by one adviser, with costs as follows
  - (a) Travel - \$6,376
  - (b) Accommodation - \$4,400
  - (c) Other Expenses —\$528
- (4) Concerning officers from the Department
  - (a) 18 officers from the Department of Climate Change attended the conference (comprising officers formerly with the Department of the Environment and Water Resources, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet)
  - (b) The 18 officers attended the conference for varying lengths of time, from four to 17 days. The average time per officer was 12 days.
  - (c) The total cost for these officers were as follows
    - (i) Travel - \$73,325
    - (ii) Accommodation - \$69,644
    - (iii) Other expenses - \$61,934 (including incidental expenses for officers, rental of office facilities, transportation, and official hospitality expenses).





## Climate Change Conference (Question No. 90)

**Senator Minchin** asked the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, upon notice, on 12 February 2008: With reference to the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Bali, Indonesia from 3 to 14 December 2007:

- (1) What was the length of stay of the Minister, the Parliamentary Secretary and any ministerial staff in Bali?
- (2) For the duration of the Minister's stay, and for the stay of any Parliamentary Secretary assisting the Minister, what was the total cost of: (a) travel; (b) accommodation; and (c) any other expenses.
- (3)(a) How many ministerial staff or family accompanied the Minister and the Parliamentary Secretary; and (b) for these people, what was the total cost of: (a) travel; (b) accommodation; and (c) any other expenses.
- (4)(a) How many officers from the department were in attendance at the conference; (b) what was the duration of attendance at the conference by these officers; and (c) for these officers, what was the total cost of: (i) travel, (b) accommodation, and (c) any other expenses

**Senator Wong** – The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts has provided the following answer to the honourable senator's question:

- (1) The Minister and one adviser stayed in Bali from 9-15 December 2007.
- (2) As at 25 January 2008 the Department of Finance and Deregulation had paid costs for the following:
  - a. Travel - \$5,502
  - b. Accommodation - \$5,832
  - c. Other expenses - \$7,206At that time there were further expenses that had not been charged to the Department of Finance and Deregulation and the trip had not yet been fully reconciled.
- (3) The Minister was accompanied by one adviser. As at 25 January 2008 the Department of Finance and Deregulation had paid costs for the following:
  - a. Travel - \$3,005
  - b. Accommodation - \$2366
  - c. Other Expenses – \$1578 (other expenses still to be acquitted)
- (4)
  - a. Two officers from the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts attended the conference (officers formerly with the Department of the Environment and Water Resources). The rest of the delegation was made up of officers who are now with the Department of Climate Change.
  - b. One officer attended the conference from 9-16 December 2007. The other officer attended the conference from 9-15 December 2007.
  - c. The total cost for these officers were as follows
    - i. Travel - \$5,537
    - ii. Accommodation - \$9,195
    - iii. Other expenses - \$5,412

