

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 Estimates 23-27 February 2009

Question: PM7

Outcome 1, Output 5

Topic: PM's overseas travel - countries visited, staff accompanying and length of each trip

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Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 9 April

Senator Ronaldson asked: -What an extraordinary intervention for someone so new to the place. Mr Mrdak, can you detail the countries that the staff have been to and the length of time for each of those trips? Actually, I might put that on notice. That might be easier.

Senator Faulkner-We are happy to provide that on notice for you.

Answer: The costs for the Prime Minister's overseas visits from December 2007 to September 2008 are available in Senate Question on Notice 750 (attached). The overseas visits from October 2008 to January 2009 have not been fully acquitted.