

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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The Canberra Times reported on 11/12/09 that the Australian delegation to the Copenhagen summit last December included 114 people. Rudd's personal entourage comprised of 14 members of his own office, including Deputy Chief of Staff David Fredericks, Lachlan Harris, the PM's physician, an official photographer, and five Federal Police Agents. The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet was represented by deputy secretary Gordon de Brouwer and first assistant secretary Patrick Suckling.

- a) How many people from the delegation flew first class to Copenhagen?**
- b) Who were they?**
- c) What was the cost of travel for members of PM&C who travelled first class?**
- d) What cost was borne by PM&C for travel to Copenhagen by the Prime Minister's staff?**
- e) Was the PM's physician needed?**
- f) What did the PM's physician do when he was not needed during the trip?**
- g) What were the costs for paying the salaries of members of PM&C who were in Copenhagen during that time?**

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Answer:

- a) None.
- b) Not applicable.
- c) Not applicable.
- d) Nil.
- e) As has been the practice with the current government and successive former governments, a doctor usually travels with the Prime Minister on overseas visits.
- (f) The doctor accompanies the Prime Minister on all possible official engagements.
- (g) The salaries cost for the PM&C people who attended Copenhagen was \$9,086.83.