



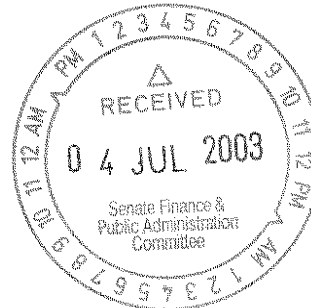
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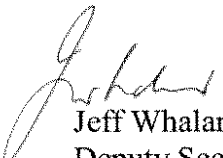


Dear Mr Sands

**RESPONSE TO QUESTION PM8 TAKEN ON NOTICE
2002-03 SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE BUDGET
SUPPLEMENTARY HEARING – 20 NOVEMBER 2002**

Attached is the updated response to question PM8 taken on notice during the Budget Supplementary hearing of 20 November 2002. An electronic copy in the required format has been forwarded.

Yours sincerely


Jeff Whalan
Deputy Secretary

3 July 2003

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Budget Supplementary Hearings 2002-2003, 20 November 2002

Question: PM8

Outcome 1, Output

Topic: Prime Minister's overseas visits in 2002

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Senator Ray asked: What were the costs borne by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet for the ten overseas visits by the Prime Minister in 2002.

Answer: This answer updates that provided to the Committee on 2 January 2003. A table containing a breakdown of the costs borne by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet for the 10 overseas visits in 2002, as at 6 June 2003, is set out below. The amounts now included in the table are exclusive of GST as the Department is eligible for GST tax credits. These costs relate to departmental staff who travelled overseas in respect of the Prime Minister's visits.

In relation to the accommodation expenses for the 19 to 21 March UK visit, the amount entered in the table that was previously provided to the Committee was inadvertently converted twice from Pound Sterling to Australian Dollars, this has been rectified. The amounts for airfares for that visit and the 18 to 24 May East Timor, Singapore and China visit have only recently been finalised. Other amounts vary because of the time delay in obtaining costs paid for by credit card. In some instances, overseas merchants have not processed related paperwork for upwards of six months, therefore the amounts do not appear on Departmental credit card statements for long periods of time.

| Visit details | No. from PM&C | Airfares | Accomm | Meals and Incidentals | Comcar | Total |
|---|----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|---------------------|
| 28 Jan to 8 Feb 2002 (12 days) (USA, INDONESIA) | 5 ¹ | \$54,089.42 | \$51,161.24 | \$4,881.64 | \$3,515.48 | \$113,647.81 |
| 19 to 21 March 2002 (6 days) (UNITED KINGDOM) | 1 | \$16,332.35 | \$5,736.09 | \$1,913.55 | \$1067.55 | \$25,049.54 |
| 7 to 11 April 2002 (5 days) (UNITED KINGDOM) (Funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother) | 1 | \$13,232.05 | \$6,053.72 | \$738.78 | \$873.55 | \$20,898.10 |
| 18 to 24 May 2002 (6 days) (EAST TIMOR SINGAPORE CHINA) | 5 ² | \$37,982.64 | \$12,360.32 | \$3,716.69 | \$2,370.40 | \$56,430.05 |

¹ The visit was coordinated by two officers, one for the USA one for Indonesia.

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|---|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 8-15 June 2002 (6 days) (UNITED STATES) | 4 | \$58,583.39 | \$37,419.85 | \$3,093.23 | \$1,616.90 | \$100,713.57 |
| 30 June-13 July 2002 (11 days) (GERMANY, GREECE ITALY, BELGIUM) | 5 ³ | \$62,967.83 | \$67,365.08 | \$7,530.22 | \$2,735.85 | \$140,598.98 |
| 13-17 August 2002 (5 days) (PAPUA NEW GUINEA REPUBLIC OF FIJI ISLANDS <i>PACIFIC</i> ISLANDS <i>FORUM</i>) | 4 | \$5,351.56 | \$5,160.75 | \$2,308.64 | 0 | \$12,820.95 |
| 21-27 September 2002 (4 days) (NIGERIA (Troika) UNITED KINGDOM) | 2 | \$15,674.20 | \$13,888.22 | \$1,109.71 | \$685.65 | \$31,357.78 |
| 17-18 October 2002 (2 days) (BALI) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 24-30 October 2002 (7 days) (MEXICO – APEC) | 3 | \$13,829.23 | 10,477.46 | 2,014.07 | 1,047.30 | \$27,368.06 |

² The visit was coordinated by two officers, one for East Timor and one for China.

³ The visit was coordinated by two officers, one officer was responsible for Germany and Greece and one officer for Italy and Belgium.