

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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**Question: PM104.**

**Outcome 1, Output 3.3**

**Topic: APEC 2007 Taskforce**

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**Senator Carr asked:**

**Part 1: I'd like a detailed breakdown of what the \$114.8 million allocated to the APEC taskforce will pay for, including the following details**

**Answer:**

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>Total Project</b>
	<b>\$m</b>	<b>05-06 to 07-08</b>
		<b>\$m</b>
Activity & Venue	2.8	16.6
Infrastructure & supp	0.6	8.2
Security costs	0	3.3
Staff Costs	9.1	36.5
Contractor Costs	0.8	3.6
Travel costs	1.3	2.7
Relocation Costs	0.6	1.9
Insurance costs	0.07	0.8
Recruitment costs	1.1	2.7
Procurement costs	1.96	2.8
Office Accommodation Costs	6.2	14.9
Administration costs	0.5	2.2
Other Agencies	4.1	18.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>29.13</b>	<b>114.3</b>
Add: Depreciation	0.91	8.5
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>30.04</b>	<b>122.8</b>

**Part 2: What is the budget for security? Travel; will Australia be footing the bill for internal travel, if so for who and where to, and will we pay any of the international costs, say, for the smaller attendees? What we have allocated for accommodation (specifics please, what style and costs for accommodation for heads of state, what level for others). What the entertainment bill will be, and how that is broken?**

**Answer:**

- ***Security costs - \$3.3m***

**The APEC Taskforce budget covers Tier 1 Security** – This represents venue overlay, consisting of basic access control arrangements maintained by staff or contracted security personnel.

Other security costs are funded by other agencies. These include:

Tier 2 Security - A state overlay, primarily the responsibility of the **state/territory** police who have operational responsibility for the security of any event in their jurisdiction, and consisting of a range of measures including dignitary protection, crowd control and broader community policing in and around the event; and

Tier 3 Security - a national overlay, which is the responsibility of the **Commonwealth** and which includes national border control, air space management, intelligence and national counter-terrorism response arrangements.

- ***Travel Costs - \$2.7m***

Domestic travel budget includes travel for taskforce staff to and from the Host City and other States. Ministerial meetings are scheduled in all States and Territories.

International travel budget includes travel for Taskforce staff to attend scheduled advanced planning meetings, APEC meetings and accredited observer programs. The international travel also includes budget to visit a limited number of other countries if required to liaise with them over security matters as they are particular concern, and to visit the APEC Secretariat in Singapore.

The APEC taskforce budget does not include any domestic or international travel for other Economies.

- ***Accommodation – Delegates \$1.3m (Included in Activity & Venue)***

As outlined in APEC guidelines appropriate accommodation of an acceptable standard for Leaders will be organised and allocated by the APEC Taskforce based on a number of criteria and will include liaison with the respective economy representatives. The most important consideration will be to ensure the necessary security requirements are met for each economy. Selection of hotels will also be determined by their location and proximity to proposed APEC venues. As is the protocol for APEC meetings, the host government meets the cost of accommodation for:

- 1 suite for each Leader and Spouse
- 1 suite for each Foreign Affairs Minister and Spouse
- 1 suite for each Trade Minister and Spouse
- 1 suite for each
  - APEC Secretariat Executive Director and spouse
  - APEC Secretariat Deputy Executive Director and spouse
  - ASEAN Secretariat

Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC)  
Pacific Islands Forum (PIF)

- **Entertainment Costs - \$3.3m**

Leaders week entertainment costs \$3.3m

The budgeted costs are based on initial indicative planning and we consider will be revised down with refinement of venue and logistical arrangements.

**Part 3: What will the capital funds be paying for? Details?**

**Answer:**

**Capital Funds:** **\$8.5m**

Sydney Office IT Equipment	\$1.3m
Interoperable Communication Equipment for Tier 2 Security	\$0.3m
Sydney Office accommodation costs (partitioning, fitout etc.)	\$3.7m
Office Equipment – Sydney	\$0.3m
IT and Communication infrastructure to support meetings, documentation systems and venues	\$2.0m
Armoured & Security Vehicle fitout (GPS equipment and service for security vehicles and secure personal communications such as secure mobile, notebooks, Satellite & mobile etc.,)	\$0.9m

**Part 4: And what use will the capital infrastructure be put to after APEC?**

**Answer:** Any capital purchases will be utilised where possible or alternatively disposed of in accordance with commonwealth government asset disposal guidelines.

**Part 5: Will the APEC Taskforce feel the brunt of the efficiency dividend cuts that have been applied across all outputs in PM&C, or has their funding been inflated to cover the cut?**

**Answer:** The efficiency dividend has been applied to APEC Taskforce funding. The taskforce is confident it can meet its responsibilities within the agreed budget.