

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

Budget Estimates Hearings 2007-2008, 21-22 May 2007



Question: PM 86

Outcome 1, Output 4.6

Topic: Prime Minister's overseas travel

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**Senator Evans asked: 1. Please refer to the response to question PM 70 from the February 2007 estimates hearings. Please provide the additional information for each response for which you were either 'awaiting advice from the Department of Finance and Administration' or awaiting 'accounts yet to be received'.
2. Please provide an updated response to that question, in relation to journeys subsequent to those listed in response to PM 70, February 2007. In addition to the figure for total accommodation costs for each trip, please indicate the total cost of the Prime Minister's accommodation (distinct from that of the party), as well as the name of the accommodation.**

Answer:

Costs incurred by the Prime Minister during overseas visits are met directly by the Department of Finance and Administration.

These costs are made public on a six monthly basis. Details of these costs and their availability should be sought from the Department of Finance and Administration.

Attached are the costs, on a visit by visit basis, for the staff of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

All costs quoted are as at 7 June 2007.



Destination: United States of America, Canada, Ireland

Date: 12 to 25 May 2006

Accommodation:

Washington

Blair House

Accommodation for the Prime Minister was provided by the host government

Chicago

Peninsula Hotel

The Department of Finance and Administration pays all accommodation costs for the Prime Minister

Ottawa

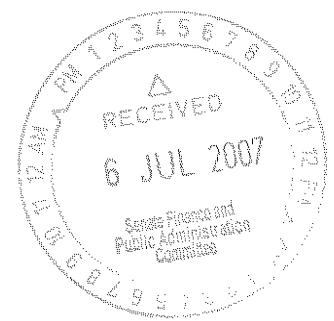
Fairmount Château Laurier Hotel

Accommodation for the Prime Minister was provided by the host government

Dublin

Farmleigh House

Accommodation for the Prime Minister was provided by the host government



Destination:

Republic of Indonesia and
People's Republic of China

Date:

25 to 29 June 2006

Accommodation:

Batam Island, Indonesia

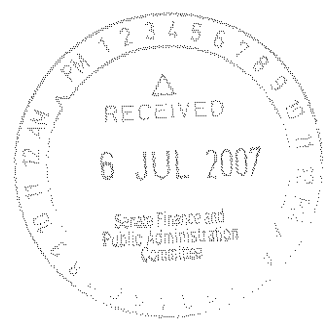
Batam View Beach Resort

The Department of Finance and Administration
pays all accommodation costs for the Prime Minister.

Shenzhen, People's Republic of China

Wuzhou Guest House

Accommodation for the Prime Minister
was provided by the host government



Destination: Republic of the Fiji Islands

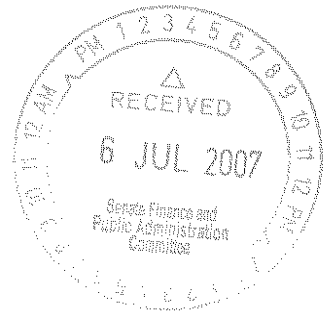
Date: 23 to 25 October 2006

Accommodation:

Nadi

Sheraton Fiji Resort, Dunarau Island

The Department of Finance and Administration
pays all accommodation costs for the Prime Minister.



Destination:

New Zealand

Date:

15 to 16 February 2007

Purpose of visit:

Annual bilateral Prime Ministers' talks

COSTS

Travel	\$3,518.12
Accommodation Duxton Hotel	\$5,001.63
Prime Minister's accommodation	Accommodation for the Prime Minister was provided by the host government
Other transport	\$234.01
Meals/drinks/incidentals	\$993.36
Number in the party:	5

Destination: Japan/Middle East

Date: 11 to 19 March 2007

Purpose of visit: The visit to Japan was to strengthen Australia's relationship with the new administration of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and to mark the 50th anniversary of the Australia-Japan Commerce Agreement. The key outcome from the visit was the signing of the Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation, which enhances our important strategic relationship with Japan. The visit to the Middle East was to discuss Australia's contribution to the reconstruction of Iraq with Coalition leaders, the senior Iraqi leadership (including Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki) and key regional leaders. The Prime Minister also met with Australian Defence Force personnel deployed to the region in order to reiterate the Australian Government's strong appreciation for their valued contribution.



COSTS

Travel \$24,167.09

Accommodation

Tokyo

Imperial Hotel \$22,811.84

Prime Minister's accommodation The Department of Finance and Administration pays all accommodation costs for the Prime Minister

Abu Dhabi

Emirates Palace \$4,160.50

Prime Minister's accommodation The Department of Finance and Administration pays all accommodation costs for the Prime Minister

Kuwait

Bayan Palace Guest House Accommodation for the Prime Minister and party
Prime Minister's accommodation was provided by the host government

Other transport \$700.39

Meals/drinks/incidentals \$1,561.93

Number in the party 5