

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

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Question: PM41

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Topic: Cost breakdown of all overseas trips taken by the Prime Minister

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked: Could you also give me a breakdown, again on notice, of all overseas trips that the Prime Minister has taken since he has become Prime Minister and a breakdown of the costs in relation to that.

Senator Faulkner-I can outline the trips now for you that the Prime Minister has made. When the costs-you would appreciate, as I said in answer to an earlier question-

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS-I appreciate that the costs will take some time, given the recent nature of them.

Answer: See attached.

Bali and East Timor – 11 to 14 December 2007

Refer to Question on Notice No. 85 tabled in the Senate on 15 May 2008.

As at 17 June 2008 the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance) has paid the following costs for the Prime Minister and staff for the following visits. They also advise that the costs for these trips have not been completely reconciled.

Travel for the following visits by the Prime Minister and members of the main party were by Special Purpose Aircraft (costs of travel by Special Purpose Aircraft will be tabled in the Parliament by the Department of Defence in accordance with established practice).

Kuwait, Iraq, United Arab Emirates, Afghanistan – 20 to 24 December 2007

Prime Minister's Office		Staff of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	
Airfares for advance party	nil	Airfares	\$10,820.08
Accommodation	\$26,043.56	Accommodation #	\$5,441.81
Travelling allowances	\$802.36		
Meals	\$1,052.39		
Incidentals	\$140.97		
Hospitality	\$5,054.92		

(# includes a component for meals with PM&C is unable to split)

East Timor – 15 February 2008

Prime Minister's Office		Staff of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	
Airfares for advance party	nil	Airfares	nil
Accommodation	nil	Accommodation	nil
Travelling allowances	\$63.00		

Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands – 6 to 8 March 2008

Prime Minister's Office		Staff of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	
Airfares for advance party	\$5,134.73	Airfares	\$5,554.92
Accommodation #	\$10,495.45	Accommodation	\$7,023.39
Travelling allowances	\$2,919.70	Meals	\$97.97
Immunisations	\$936.76	Other expenses	\$1,780.28

(# includes a component for meals with Finance is unable to split)

USA, Belgium, Romania, UK, China – 27 March to 13 April 2008

Prime Minister's Office		Staff of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	
Airfares, including for advance party	\$52,222.10	Airfares	\$30,440.60
Accommodation #	\$141,823.63	Accommodation	\$27,712.00
Ground transport	\$82,225.35	Office support costs	\$9,298.62
Office support costs	\$93,544.69	Ground transport	\$14,034.09
Hospitality	\$5,171.32	Other expenses	\$5,700.57
Travelling allowances	\$10,454.80		
Medical	\$1,691.66		
Interpreter Services	\$16,362.39		
Incidentals	\$612.32		

(# includes a component for meals with Finance is unable to split)