

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Budget Estimates Hearing 21-24 May 2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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**Senator:** Senator Ryan

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**Question:**

The government will provide an allocation of \$326.9 million over four years to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to host the Group of 20 in 2014.

1. Which city will host the Group of 20 meeting?
2. What is the anticipated level of Commonwealth expenditure on security measures for the meeting?
3. What is the level of anticipated Commonwealth expenditure on policy development and coordination for the meeting? Does this expenditure include any anticipated employment of additional staff in the Department, temporary or otherwise? If so, how many additional staff are expected to be employed?
4. What is the anticipated level of Commonwealth expenditure on logistics for the meeting including but not limited to travel, transport and accommodation?
5. What other expenditure items in connection with the Group of 20 meeting not covered in 1-4 above are likely to arise?
6. Has the government been party to discussions within the G20 in relation to proposals for the establishment of a permanent G20 secretariat? If so, does the government support the establishment of a permanent G20 secretariat? Do these proposals include the designation of a permanent location for the holding of G20 meetings including the leaders, finance ministers and central bank governors meetings?

**Answer:**

1. A decision has not yet been made on the host city for the G20 leaders summit.

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2. Detailed allocations of Commonwealth expenditure will not be finalised until after the host city has been determined.
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4. Detailed allocations of Commonwealth expenditure will not be finalised until after the host city has been determined.
5. The Department of the Treasury will be provided with \$45.2 million over four years for the organisation and logistics of the finance ministers' and central bank governors' meetings and related officials' meetings, and for related policy development on economic and financial issues.
6. Proposals to establish a permanent secretariat were raised by some G20 members in the lead up to the Cannes 2011 G20 summit. Australia did not support a permanent G20 secretariat and leaders did not agree to a permanent secretariat in Cannes. A permanent location for holding G20 meetings including the leaders, finance ministers and central bank governors has not been discussed.