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**Senator Faulkner asked: Have we ever had a situation where a head of state has visited Australia previously and that visit has been defined as a working visit?**

**Answer:** Since 1997 and prior to the working visit in October 2003 by President George W. Bush of the United States of America there have been two other working visits by heads of state. They were by President Kamisese Mara of Fiji in October 1997 and President Xanana Gusmao of East Timor in June 2002.

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**Senator Faulkner asked: In relation to working visits from heads of government or heads of state, how many of those have we had over the past few years?**

**Answer:** Since 1997 there have been 15 heads of government or heads of state working visits.

Date	Visit
2004-2003	President George W Bush of the USA - October 2003
2003-2002	Prime Minister Allan Kemakeza of the Solomon Islands - June 2003 Prime Minister Michael Somare of PNG - December 2002 Prime Minister Laisenia Qarase of Fiji - October 2002 Prime Minister Edward Fenech-Adami of Malta - August 2002
2002-2001	President Xanana Gusmao of East Timor - June 2002 Prime Minister Helen Clark of New Zealand - February 2002
2001-2000	Prime Minister Helen Clark of New Zealand - April 2001 Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sailele of Samoa - November 2000
2000-1999	Prime Minister Mahendra Chaudhry of Fiji - April 2000 Prime Minister Helen Clark of New Zealand - March 2000
1999-1998	Prime Minister Mart Siimann of Estonia - July 1998
1998-1997	Prime Minister Dr Janez Drnovsek of the Republic of Slovenia - June 1998 Prime Minister Jenny Shipley of New Zealand - February 1998 President Kamisese Mara of Fiji - October 1997

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**Senator Faulkner asked: How many people were formally invited (to the informal luncheon at the Lodge for President Bush)?**

**Answer:** Ninety nine invitations were extended to the informal luncheon at the Lodge, including to the guest of honour and his party.