

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
 2006-07 Supplementary Budget Hearings  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
 Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio  
 Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

**QUESTION: PM50**

Senator Evans asked:

1. The response to question PM 1 of the May 2006 Estimates round indicated that the cost of the Governor-General's outback tour was \$114,836.70. Please provide an itemised breakdown of this total, broken down by; air transport; land transport; accommodation; equipment; meals, drinks and food. For any costs not covered by these categories, please indicate the nature of the expenditure and the cost.
2. Please provide an itemised breakdown of the costs of any vice-regal travel subsequent to the Governor-General's trip to Egypt / Turkey and Outback Tour broken down by travel, accommodation (please identify hotels), other transport, meals / drinks and incidentals and the number of people in the party by whom the costs were incurred.

**Response:**

(1) The itemised breakdown of costs for the outback tour is as follows [note that the table excludes Defence costs]:

Item	\$
Air transport	0
Land transport	386.14
Accommodation	1,341.00
Equipment	0
Meals, drinks and food	2,197.87
Pro-rata contribution to cover the Governor-General's involvement in the Australian Outback Development Consortium activity	13,435.45
Miscellaneous items	516.48

(2) The itemised breakdown of costs of overseas vice-regal travel subsequent to the Egypt/Turkey and Outback Tour is as follows:

United Kingdom (13-18 June 2006): travel \$38,124; accommodation and meals \$18,491 (resided at the Berkley Hotel, London); other transport – included in travel costs; incidentals \$610.

Kingdom of Tonga, Republic of Singapore, Kingdom of Netherlands (19-29 September 2006): travel \$111,905; accommodation \$34,543 (resided at the Four Seasons Hotel in Singapore, The Grand Hotel in Amsterdam (21-26/9/2006) – accommodated at the Australian High Commissioners Residence in Tonga and at the Royal Noordeinde Palace in The Hague (26-28/9/2006) as guests of the Queen of Netherlands); other transport – included in travel costs; meals/drinks – \$5,615; incidentals \$4,571.