

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: PM34a

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Topic: Prime Minister's travel - expenses and staff accompanying

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Senator Ronaldson asked: Can you please provide a list of all travel undertaken by the Prime Minister since November 25. Can an itemised list of all expenses incurred by the Prime Minister and each of those staff or officials who accompanied the Prime Minister. Please itemise by each trip and staff member or official?

Answer:

The Schedule of Special Purpose Flights which contains information regarding the Prime Minister's air travel is tabled by the Department of Defence twice a year. All relevant information will be contained in these schedules as the Prime Minister has not undertaken any commercial travel since taking office as at 23 October 2008.

Details of which members of staff and department officials travelled with the Prime Minister, or independently to meet him, are held by several different agencies. This being the case, it is not possible for this Department to provide the amount of detail requested in any reasonable time frame. If, however, there are specific questions asked once tabling of the Special Purpose Aircraft report has taken place some detail may be able to be provided.