

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Asked By: Senator Nash

Topic: Australian Government representatives travelling to the Commonwealth Games

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Text of Question

- a) How many representatives from the Australian Government and staff attended the Commonwealth Games recently held in Delhi?**
- b) Can the Department detail the position of all staff that attended the games?**
- c) What was the total cost of sending all staff and Government officials to the Commonwealth games?**
- d) In total, what was the final Commonwealth spending on the Delhi Commonwealth games, broken down by expense? Were there any unexpected expenses whilst the games were being held?**

Answer:

- a) The Minister for Sport, his Deputy Chief of Staff, an official from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and 29 staff employed by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) attended the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi. Of the 29 ASC staff, 27 were seconded by the Australian Commonwealth Games Association as part of its team.
- b) The three officials who attended the Games were the Assistant Secretary, Sport Branch, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Director, Australian Institute of Sport, ASC, and the Director, System Leadership, ASC.

The 27 ASC staff seconded by the Australian Commonwealth Games Association attended in various roles such as coach, physiotherapist and nutritionist.

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c & d) The total cost of sending the three officials referred to in b) above to the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi was \$36,971.12. The breakdown of this total cost by expense item is as follows:

- airfares: \$15,578.10;
- accommodation: \$17,228.69; and
- travel allowance: \$4,164.33.

There were no unexpected expenses whilst the games were being held.

The cost of the 27 secondees' attendance was met by the Australian Commonwealth Games Association.

All costs of official overseas travel by ministers and accompanying staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* are the responsibility of the Department of Finance and Deregulation, and questions relating to these matters should be directed to that department. This includes both the Minister for Sport and his Media Adviser.