

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 17-20 October 2011

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

Senator RYAN: I was told I could ask about the Prime Minister's hotel costs while overseas. I am happy for these questions to be on notice, if I could quickly read them. I would be interested in knowing where the Prime Minister stayed on her overseas trips since the last financial year and the current financial year and whether consideration was given to staying at the ambassador's residence and if not, why not. We can do that on notice.

Mr Leverett: We can take that on notice.

Answer:

In determining the Prime Minister's accommodation used during her overseas visits, the usual range of relevant factors were taken into consideration. These include convenience, security, access, support, infrastructure and costs.

Following is a list of accommodation used by the Prime Minister during her overseas visits:

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1-7 October 2010

United Arab Emirates	Dubai, Park Hyatt
Afghanistan	no accommodation
Switzerland	no accommodation
Belgium	Le Meridien
(ASEM 8)	

29 October – 3 November 2010

Vietnam	Hanoi Hilton Opera
(EAS)	
Malaysia	Shangri-La
Indonesia	Four Seasons

10-15 November 2010

Republic of Korea	Westin Chosun
(G20)	
Japan	Pan Pacific
(APEC)	

18-22 November 2010

Portugal	Sheraton Hotel
(NATO Summit)	

15-16 February 2011

New Zealand	InterContinental Wellington
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5-13 March (9 days)

United States	
Washington	2 nights Blair House
	Willard InterContinental
New York	Waldorf Towers Hotel

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New Zealand (Christchurch Memorial Service)	no accommodation
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20 April – 1 May 2011

Japan	Imperial Hotel Tokyo
Republic of Korea	Grand Hyatt Seoul
China	St Regis Beijing
United Kingdom (Royal Wedding)	Royal Garden Hotel

6-8 September 2011

New Zealand (Pacific Islands Forum)	Sky City Hotel
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