

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 9

Senator Humphries asked the following questions at the hearing of 22 February 2011:

1. What was the operational cost of the visit of US Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton?
2. What was the operational cost of the visit of Oprah Winfrey?
3. What was the operational cost of the visit of the UK Foreign Secretary, Right Hon William Hague

The answer to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:

The AFP works collaboratively with a number of State and Commonwealth agencies in planning and delivering protection to visiting dignitaries.

The costs referred to below relate to the operational costs incurred by the AFP only in providing protection to a number of visiting dignitaries during Australia-United States Ministerial (AUSMIN) 2010 consultations and Australia-United Kingdom Ministerial (AUKMIN) 2011 consultations.

1. US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton visited Australia for AUSMIN 2010. The AFP provided close protection to US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and three other participants being:
 - US Secretary of Defence, Dr. Robert M. Gates,
 - US Pacific Fleet Commander, Admiral Patrick Walsh, and
 - US Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Mike Mullen.

The operational costs for AFP involvement in security for AUSMIN 2010 was \$73, 073.61. The costs were attributed to the visit as a whole and were not allocated to individual dignitaries.

2. The AFP had no involvement with the visit of Oprah Winfrey.

3. UK Foreign Secretary, the Right Honourable William Hague visited Australia for AUKMIN 2011. The AFP provided close protection to the UK Foreign Secretary and one other participant being UK Secretary of State for Defence, Right Honourable Dr Liam Fox MP.

The operational costs for AFP involvement in security for AUKMIN 2011 was \$22,493.06. The costs were attributed to the visit as a whole and were not allocated to individual dignitaries.