

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL
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Question No. 100

Senator Fisher asked the following question at the hearing on 19 October 2009:

How many officers of AUSTRAC have undertaken overseas travel in the last year?

- a) For what purpose was this travel,
- b) what was the cost of the travel,
- c) please provide the details of each overseas trip taken, including all destinations and stop overs, durations stayed at each location, the official duties undertaken at each stop, and the total cost and total duration of each trip, and
- d) please provide the total cost for overseas travel incurred by AUSTRAC officers this year.

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

Between 6 October 2008 and 18 October 2009, AUSTRAC officials undertook 76 overseas trips. The total cost to the agency of overseas travel for this period was \$622,101.91. Please see the attached table for detail.

Each item represents travel by one official. Where there has been travel by two or more officers to the same destination, differences in total travel costs may arise as some costs were attributed to one official, rather than spread among officials. For example, one officer may have paid the accommodation costs for the entire delegation. Also, AUSTRAC costs may have differed according to the level of entitlement provided to the officer, if any.

Departure Date	Reason for travel	Total Duration (Days)	Total Cost	Destination 1	Duration at Dest 1 (Days)	Duties Undertaken	Destination 2	Duration at Dest 2 (Days)	Duties Undertaken	Destination 3	Duration at Dest 3 (Days)	Duties Undertaken
13-Oct-08	Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and Egmont Meeting	10	\$23,245.72	Santiago	1	Stopover en route to Rio De Janeiro	Rio De Janeiro	3	Attend FATF meeting	Toronto	6	Attend Egmont meeting
17-Oct-08	Egmont Working Group Meeting	9	\$14,929.23	Toronto	9	Attend Egmont Working Group Meeting						
17-Oct-08	Egmont Working Group Meeting	6	\$14,772.15	Toronto	6	Attend Egmont Working Group Meeting						
08-Oct-08	Capacity Building workshop to Indonesia FIU (PPATK)	8	\$8,831.49	Bangkok	4	Scoping for Nov 08 Workshop	Jakarta	4	Deliver Capacity Building workshop to PPATK			
12-Oct-08	Capacity Building workshop to PPATK	4	\$5,780.61	Jakarta	4	Deliver workshop to PPATK						
22-Nov-08	FIU-Typologies & Financial Investigations and Form Review & Guidelines Workshop	18	\$11,810.06	Bangkok	6	Attendance at workshop	Myanmar	12	Participation in Workshop			

06-Oct-08	FIU-Typologies & Financial Investigations Workshop	3	\$7,617.56	Bangkok	3	Workshop Preparation						
20-Oct-08	APEC Seminar on Securing Remittance and Cross Border Payment from Terrorist Use	4	\$5,004.11	Jakarta	4	Attendance at Seminar						
18-Oct-08	Egmont Working Group Meeting	5	\$909.61	Toronto	5	Attend Egmont Meeting						
04-Nov-08	Vietnam Mutual Evaluation	16	\$12,384.48	Vietnam	16	Conduct Vietnam Mutual Evaluation						
22-Oct-08	Conference on the prevention of money laundering and terrorism financing at casinos and remote gambling venues	7	\$11,341.21	Atlanta	3	Speaker at the Conference	Nassau	4	Speaker at the Conference			
11-Oct-08	FATF and Egmont Meeting	11	\$23,633.12	Rio de Janeiro	5	Attend FATF Meeting	Toronto	6	Attend Egmont meeting			
12-Oct-08	Suspicious Transaction Reports (STR) Analysis workshop	19	\$5,295.72	Jakarta	19	Deliver STR Analysis workshop						

26-Nov-08	Analysis Workshop on behalf of Egmont Group	9	\$13,757.87	Copenhagen	1	Deliver workshop	Sweden	8	Deliver workshop			
24-Oct-08	Asia Pacific Group (APG) Conference	6	\$7,597.53	Colombo	6	Attend APG Conference						
12-Oct-08	South East Asia Counter Terrorism (SEACT) activity in Cambodia	9	\$5,272.37	Cambodia	4	Deliver workshop	Semerang	4	Deliver workshop			
17-Oct-08	US Intelligence Security Conference	8	\$135.55	USA	8	Participating at Conference						
30-Oct-08	Financial Investigations Program	15	\$7,746.53	Jakarta	3	Meetings with FIU stakeholders	Semerang	12	Deliver Program			
27-Nov-08	Singapore FIU (STRO), APEC Cash Couriers and Tactical Analysis Workshop	15	\$8,144.91	Singapore	2	Visit STRO, APEC Cash Couriers	Manila	13	Participate in Workshops			
08-Nov-08	Financial Investigations Program at the Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation (JCLEC)	5	\$6,533.49	Semerang	5	Attended Program						
22-Nov-08	Typologies and Financial	5	\$7,784.95	Bangkok	5	Attended Workshop						

	Investigation Workshop with AMLO (Anti Money Laundering Office, Thailand)											
21-Nov-08	Joint FATF/MONEY VAL (Council of Europe's Committee of Experts on Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism) Typologies Meeting	6	\$14,341.06	Monaco	6	Attended meetings						
15-Feb-09	STR Review and Reporting Entity Guidance Workshops to Myanmar	12	\$8,680.21	Yangon	12	Delivered Workshop						
28-Feb-09	Egmont Working Group Meeting	6	\$15,408.74	Guatemala	6	Attend Working Group Meeting						
28-Feb-09	Egmont Working Group Meeting	7	\$19,290.89	Guatemala	7	Attend Working Group Meeting						
17-Jan-09	Tactical Analysis Workshops	6	\$10,359.85	Manila	6	Attended Workshops						
17-Jan-09	Tactical Analysis	14	\$9,572.75	Manila	6	Attended	Jakarta	8	Attended			

	Workshops					Workshops			Workshop			
27-Jan-09	Workshop and meetings with PPATK	4	\$5,457.11	Jakarta	4	Attended Workshops and meetings						
18-Jan-09	Myanmar Strategic Implementation Planning (SIP) Rollout and Typologies and Financial Investigations workshop with PPATK and law enforcement agencies	10	\$9,342.54	Yangon	6	Assisted with Myanmar SIP Rollout	Jakarta	4	Attended workshop			
06-Feb-09	Counter Terrorism Financing Analysis workshop	7	\$10,310.01	Brunei	7	Delivered workshop						
06-Feb-09	Counter Terrorism Financing Analysis workshop	7	\$6,527.11	Brunei	7	Delivered workshop						
19-Jan-09	Meetings and workshop with PPATK	11	\$3,763.94	Jakarta	11	Attend meetings and workshops						
19-Apr-09	AUSTRAC Regional Workshop	5	\$6,749.52	Bangkok	5	Delivered Workshop						
19-Apr-09	AUSTRAC	5	\$6,406.05	Bangkok	5	Delivered						

	Regional Workshop					Workshop						
19-Apr-09	AUSTRAC Regional Workshop	5	\$6,406.05	Bangkok	5	Delivered Workshop						
19-Apr-09	AUSTRAC Regional Workshop	5	\$6,444.55	Bangkok	5	Delivered Workshop						
01-Mar-09	Financial Investigations Program - JCLEC	11	\$6,947.07	Semerang	11	Delivered Program						
23-May-09	Egmont Plenary Meeting	5	\$10,441.33	Doha	5	Attended meeting						
23-May-09	Egmont Plenary meeting	5	\$11,496.83	Doha	5	Attended meeting						
23-May-09	Egmont meetings	5	\$10,182.17	Doha	5	Attended meetings						
14-Apr-09	International Conference on Financial Crime and Terrorism	3	\$269.05	Kuala Lumpur	3	Speaker at Conference						
13-Apr-09	Financial Investigations Workshop	7	\$2,095.00	Hong Kong	3	Attended Workshop	Dubai	4	Attended Workshop			
09-May-09	JCLEC Financial Investigations Program	12	\$8,552.05	Jakarta	1	Attended Program and undertook scoping study	Semerang	2	Participated in Program	Jakarta	9	Attended meetings
09-May-09	Financial Investigations Program	12	\$5,596.49	Semerang	12	Delivered Program						
30-May-09	Bi-lateral workshop for	4	\$5,677.76	Phnom Penh	4	Delivery of workshop						

	Cambodian FIU											
24-May-09	Monitoring Compliance workshop and Operational Manual workshop	10	\$8,353.48	Semerang	6	Delivered workshops	Phnom Penh	4	Facilitated workshop			
20-Jun-09	Workshop to FIUs in Philippines and Thailand	12	\$11,826.15	Manila	6	Delivered workshops	Bangkok	6	Delivered workshops			
14-Jun-09	Workshop to FIUs in Philippines and Thailand	6	\$7,509.43	Manila	6	Delivered workshops						
21-Jun-09	Typologies and Financial Investigations Workshop attendance	4	\$6,070.07	Thailand	4	Delivered workshop						
20-Jun-09	Typologies and Financial Investigations Workshop attendance	7	\$6,307.50	Malaysia	7	Delivered workshop						
19-Jun-09	FATF Meetings	6	\$15,560.81	Singapore	1	Stopover en route to Paris	Paris	5	Attended FATF Meetings			
20-Jun-09	Financial Supervisory Commission meetings and Mega Bank meetings	3	\$5,772.08	Taipei	3	Attended meetings						
20-Jun-09	FATF Meetings	5	\$14,065.50	France	5	Attended						

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18-Jul-09	PPATK AUSTRAC Partnership Program	27	\$7,344.00	Jakarta	27	Delivery of program						
18-Jul-09	PPATK AUSTRAC Partnership Program	26	\$1,604.30	Jakarta	26	Delivery of program						
25-Jul-09	Workshop to the FIU of Lao	5	\$6,518.28	Vientiane	5	Delivery of workshop						
25-Jul-09	Workshop to the FIU of Lao	5	\$4,654.82	Vientiane	5	Delivery of workshop						
04-Jul-09	Financial Investigations Program JCLEC	13	\$ -	Indonesia	1	Participated in program	Semerang	12	Delivery of Program			
22-Aug-09	Financial Investigations Program at the JCLEC	12	\$5,352.00	Indonesia	12	Delivery of the Program						
22-Aug-09	18th ESAAMLG (Eastern and South African Anti Money Laundering Group) Task Force of Senior Officials Meeting	8	\$9,137.49	Maseru	6	Attended ESAAMLG plenary meeting and DAP (Donors and Providers) workshops	Johannesburg	2	Visit South African FIU and AFP Liaison officer			
22-Aug-09	18th ESAAMLG Task Force of Senior Officials Meeting	7	\$8,308.06	Maseru	5	Attended ESAAMLG plenary meeting and DAP workshops	Johannesburg	2	Visit South African FIU and AFP Liaison officer			

30-Aug-09	Procedures and Strategic Planning workshop to AUSTRAC's Myanmar counterpart.	5	\$5,537.60	Myanmar	5	Delivered workshop						
23-Aug-09	PPATK - AUSTRAC Partnership Program	70	\$4,117.30	Indonesia	70	Delivered Program						
24-Oct-09	APG Typologies Workshop	6	\$5,417.00	Cambodia	6	Attended Workshop						
17-Oct-09	US Conference - Department of Defence	7	\$10,561.56	USA	7	Attending the Conference						
10-Oct-09	FATF Meeting	10	\$13,714.00	London	3	Attendance FATF Meeting	Paris	7	Attended FATF Meeting			
26-Sep-09	South Asia regional workshop 09	5	\$7,030.00	India	5	Participate in regional workshop						
26-Sep-09	South Asia regional workshop 09	6	\$9,140.97	India	6	Participate in regional workshop						
26-Sep-09	South Asia regional workshop 09	6	\$7,050.25	India	6	Participate in regional workshop						
04-Oct-09	APG & World Bank SIP Framework workshop	5	\$6,030.21	Malaysia	5	Attendance at workshop						
26-Sep-09	Operational Procedures Workshop	4	\$4,862.17	Brunei	4	Delivery of Workshop						

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10-Oct-09	AML/CTF Awareness Raising Program to DNFBPs (designated non-financial businesses and professions) in Vanuatu.	6	\$4,267.97	Vanuatu	6	Delivery of program							
10-Oct-09	AML/CTF Awareness Raising Program to DNFBPs in Vanuatu.	6	\$4,437.97	Vanuatu	6	Delivery of program							
18-Oct-09	Awareness Raising Workshop to Philippines FIU	6	\$7,719.37	Philippines	6	Delivery of workshop							
18-Oct-09	Awareness Raising Workshop to Philippines FIU	6	\$6,226.73	Philippines	6	Delivery of workshop							