

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Topic: Copenhagen Delegation**

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**Question:** (Senator Birmingham)

- a) What was the final Australian delegation to the Copenhagen Conference?
- b) How many?
- c) At what cost?
- d) What meetings did they attend?
- e) What agreement was achieved?

**Answer:**

- a) The final Australian Delegation to COP15 comprised 98 people, which included 30 observers from State and Territory Governments and non-government organisations. The name, title and agency for each member of the Official Australian Delegation is attached to this answer. The names of Australian Federal Police (AFP) officers providing protection to the Prime Minister have not been provided. The AFP does not comment on security or issues that may disclose methodology associated with security matters.
- b) Please refer to response to part a).
- c) The total costs of relevant participants from the Official Australian Delegation are not available for the following reasons:

Excluding travel by Special Purpose Aircraft, costs of official overseas travel by Minister, Parliamentary Secretaries, accompanying spouses (where relevant) and accompanying staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* are paid for by the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance).

Dates, destinations, the purpose and costs of all official overseas travel are tabled in the Parliament every six months in a report titled *Parliamentarians' Travel paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation*. These reports are also published on the Finance web site at [www.finance.gov.au/publications/parliamentarians-travel/index.html](http://www.finance.gov.au/publications/parliamentarians-travel/index.html).

The Australian Government has no records of the costs incurred by members of State or Territory Governments or of non-government organisations in the Official Australian Delegation. State and Territory delegates were paid for by their respective governments. The Australian Government did not pay for observers from non-government organisations.

The AFP does not comment on security or issues that may disclose methodology associated with security matters. Any disclosure of costs associated with the security of the Prime Minister has a potential to identify methodology.

- (d) Members of the delegation attended plenary, working group, bilateral and side event meetings scheduled over the period of COP where this was relevant to their area of expertise. Formal meetings commenced in Copenhagen on Monday, 7 December 2009 and concluded on the afternoon of Saturday, 19 December 2009. No formal UNFCCC meetings were scheduled on Sunday, 13 December 2009. However, informal negotiations commenced before 7 December 2009, were ongoing through Sunday, 13 December 2009 and thereafter through to the conclusion of the conference.
- (e) The Copenhagen climate change conference resulted in the Copenhagen Accord which constitutes a high level political understanding.

The Accord is strongly supported by both developed and developing countries. The Accord is the first time there has been agreement under the UNFCCC to hold any global temperature increase to below 2 degrees Celsius and the first time that developed and developing countries have committed to specify what they will do, side by side, to realise this objective. There was also welcome agreement to a framework for a transparent system to track our progress.

The Accord provides, for the first time, developed and developing country agreement to:

- restrain global temperature increase to below 2 degrees Celsius;
- inscribe mitigation targets for developed countries and mitigation actions for developing countries;
- develop a framework for measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) of progress;
- deliver fast-start finance approaching USD 30 billion in the period 2010-12, with the goal of long-term financing reaching USD 100 billion per year by 2020; and
- develop mechanisms for technology and to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries.

**Final List of Australian participants to COP15**  
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