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**Senator:** Wong

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**Question:**

**Senator WONG:** Okay. Are you able to provide me with a breakdown of the \$37 million?

**Mr Merrifield:** Not at this stage. It is still a long way off. The \$37 million revolves around the expenses you would expect from the visit to Australia of 10 leaders.

**Senator WONG:** We keep saying that, so I want to get some estimate of that. You must have had to break it down for the purposes of getting the money in the budget. How much are you estimating? I am happy for you to qualify it, but I want to get some sense of how much is accommodation, how much is—what does it comprise? I am asking you to give it to me in written form. Is that possible?

**Mr Merrifield:** We can provide a breakdown in written form.

**Senator WONG:** Thank you. Are security costs included in that, Ms Tressler?

**Ms Tressler:** Yes. I can give you the category of costs, just not the breakdown.

**Answer:**

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet was provided \$37.7 million for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-Australia Special Summit 2018 in the 2017-18 Budget, broken down as follows:

Accommodation	\$7,000,000
Venues	\$5,194,000
Security	\$2,147,000
Accreditation	\$2,000,000
Airports	\$1,200,000
Comcar	\$6,000,000
Transport	\$4,487,000
Liaison Services	\$1,607,000
Media and Communication	\$3,136,000

Information Technology	\$4,896,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37,667,000</b>

Funding was estimated based on costing assumption from previous international meetings held in Australia.