

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2012-13 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 6

**Question No:** 78

**Topic:** APEC

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Cash** asked:

"<http://ministers.deewr.gov.au/collins/australian-delegation-apec-women-and-economy-forum> I refer to the media release from Senator Collins on 30 June 2012 in relation to the APEC women and economy forum in St Petersburg. What was the cost of sending Senator Collins to the APEC forum? Was Senator Collins staffed on this trip if so by whom? Did any other Departmental officials or other Commonwealth representatives attend? If so what were the associated costs?"

**Answer:**

Senator Jacinta Collins was accompanied by her adviser. The costs for the Senator and her adviser to attend the APEC Women and the Economy Forum are borne by the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

The Office for Women provided two staff at a cost of \$26,137 to take part in meetings of officials and support the Australian delegation which included four private sector delegates.