

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
 Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

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**Topic:** World Heritage Committee - Representations made by the Minister with dates  
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**Question Type:** Spoken

**Senator Singh asked:**

**Senator Singh:** I understand the minister and/or delegates – I am not sure which – have been meeting with their equivalents on the World Heritage Committee. Can you provide a complete list of the representations the minister has made and what dates he made them.

**Dr Dripps:** Yes, I can do that. Would you like me to do that verbally off our notes now or would you like us to take that on notice and provide that to the committee? **Senator SINGH:** I do not know how many meetings there have been, so I do not know how long your answer will be. **Dr**

**Dripps:** From 11 April to 17 April, there was engagement between the Ambassador for the Environment and me in Lebanon, Turkey and Qatar. From 9 March to 13 March, the minister travelled to Japan, the Republic of Korea and India. Between 15 February and 21 February, the minister travelled to Jamaica, Colombia and Peru. Between 26 January and 1 February, the minister travelled to Portugal, Finland, Poland and Germany. Between 16 December and 21 December, the minister travelled to the Philippines, Malaysia and Vietnam. Between 23 and 27 November, the Ambassador for the Environment and I visited Japan and Korea. I do not have in front of me the names of the individuals with whom we met. I can take that question on notice if you wish.

**Dr Dripps:** I may have missed from the previous list that the Ambassador for the Environment visited Kazakhstan in January as part of another trip. **Senator SINGH:** Still I think we are a couple short. So could you take on notice the list so that we have the whole 19? **Dr Dripps:** Yes.

**Answer:**

The following representations have been made by Minister Hunt or officials to counterparts on the World Heritage Committee:

Dates	Lead	World Heritage Committee member state
24-27 May 2015	Officials	<b>Senegal:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Officials from the Ministry of National Education, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, and Ministry of Culture and Communication.</li> </ul>
9 – 14 May 2015	Officials	<b>Croatia:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minister of Culture, Mr Berislav Sipus</li> <li>Deputy Minister for the Environment and Nature Protection, Mr Hrvoje Dokoza, and</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Officials from the Ministry of Environment and Nature Protection ; and the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs</li> </ul> <p><b>Serbia:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Ivica Dacic; and</li> <li>Officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and the Institute for Nature Conservation of Serbia.</li> </ul>
11–17 April 2015	Officials	<p><b>Lebanon:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environment Minister, Mohammad Machnouk</li> <li>Minister of Culture, Raymond Areiji</li> <li>Ministry of Foreign Affairs Secretary General, Wafic Rehami, Head of International Organisations, Henri Castoun</li> <li>Vice President, UNESCO National Commission, Dr Mo'in Hamze</li> </ul> <p><b>Turkey:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Director General for Overseas Promotion and Public Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lale Ulker</li> <li>Natural Science Committee, UNESCO National Commission of Turkey, Professor Zeki Kaya and Professor Nizamettin Kazanci</li> <li>Director General for Cultural Heritage and Museums, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Abdullah Kocapinar</li> <li>Deputy Under-Secretary (External Relations), Ministry of Environment and Urbanisation, Mehmet Emin Birpinar</li> </ul> <p><b>Qatar:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undersecretary to the Minister of Economy and Commerce, Sultan Rashid Al Khater</li> <li>Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, Sheik Abdulla bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani</li> <li>Chairman of Hassad Food, Nasser Al Hajri</li> <li>Director of the Qatar Investment Authority, Sheik Ali bin Jassim bin Mohammad Al Thani</li> </ul>

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9–13 March 2015	Minister	<p><b>Japan:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parliamentary Vice Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Yoshihiro Seki</li> <li>• Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minoru Kiuchi</li> <li>• Minister of Environment, Yoshio Mochizuki</li> </ul> <p><b>Republic of Korea:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Environment, Yoon Seong-kyu</li> <li>• Second Vice Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cho Tae-yul</li> </ul> <p><b>India:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Anil Wadhwa</li> <li>• Minister of Culture, Mahesh Sharma, Secretary of Culture, Ravindra Singh</li> <li>• Minister of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Prakash Javadekar, Additional Secretary, Sushil Kumar</li> </ul>
15–21 February 2015	Minister	<p><b>Jamaica:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Youth and Culture, Ms Lisa Hanna</li> <li>• Officials from the Ministry of Water, Land, Environment and Climate Change; National Environment and Planning Agency; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</li> </ul> <p><b>Colombia:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Mr Gabriel Vallejo López</li> <li>• Vice Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Dr Pablo Vieira Samper</li> <li>• Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ms Patti Londoño, and</li> <li>• Officials from the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development; National Parks of Colombia; and Ministry of Foreign Affairs</li> </ul> <p><b>Peru:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister for Culture, Ms Diana Alvarez Calderon</li> <li>• Vice Minister of Cultural Heritage and Cultural Industries, Mr Luis Jaime Castillo</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vice Minister for Strategic Development of Natural Resources, Environment Ministry, Mr Gabriel Quijandria</li> <li>• Officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Ministry of Environment; World Monuments Fund; Peruvian Society for Development Law</li> </ul>
1–2 February 2015	Officials	<b>Kazakhstan:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister for Culture, Arystanbek Mukhamediuly</li> <li>• Vice Minister for the Environment, Talgat Ahsambiev</li> <li>• Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs (multilateral issues), Yerlan Ashikbayev</li> <li>• Kazakhstan’s World Heritage Committee representative, Assel Utegenova</li> <li>• Presidential Foreign Policy Advisor, Magzhan Ilyassov</li> </ul>
26 January – 1 February 2015	Minister	<b>Portugal:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister for the Environment, Spatial Planning and Energy, Mr Jorge Moreira de Silva and officials from his office</li> <li>• Secretary of State of the Environment, Paulo Lemos</li> <li>• President UNESCO National Commission of Portugal, Ambassador Ana Martinho</li> <li>• Officials from Ministry of Foreign Affairs; UNESCO National Commission of Portugal; Research Institute for Energy, Transport and the Environment, and</li> </ul> <b>Germany:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office, Professor Dr Maria Boehmer MdB and officials from her office</li> <li>• Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Ms Rita Schwarzelühr- Sutter MdB and officials from her office</li> <li>• Officials from the Department of Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Federal Foreign Office</li> </ul> <b>Finland:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister for the Environment, Ms Sanni Grahn-Laasonen</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minister for Culture and Housing, Ms Pia Viitanen</li> <li>Officials from the Ministry of the Environment; Finnish National Heritage Services; Ministry of Employment and the Economy and Ministry of Education and Culture.</li> </ul> <p><b>Poland:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deputy Minister for the Environment, Piotr Otawski, and officials from his office</li> <li>Deputy Minister of Culture and National Heritage, Piotr Żuchowski</li> <li>Officials from the Environment Ministry; Polish National Heritage Board; and Ministry of Culture and National Heritage</li> </ul>
16–21 December 2014	Minister	<p><b>Philippines:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair of the Environment and Natural Resources and Climate Change Committees in the Senate, Senator Loren Legarda, and officials from her office</li> <li>Philippines Permanent Representative to UNESCO, Ms Maria Theresa Lazaro</li> <li>Officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs; the Philippines UNESCO National Commission; Department of Environment and Natural Resources; and Tubbataha Reef Natural Park.</li> </ul> <p><b>Malaysia:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minister of Tourism and Culture, Datuk Seri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz</li> <li>Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, YB Senator Datuk Seri Palanivel K. Govindasamy</li> <li>Commissioner of Heritage, Dr Zainah Ibrahim</li> <li>Officials from the Ministry of National Heritage; Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Peninsular Malaysia Forestry Department; Department of Environment; Department of Natural Resources and Environment; Marine Park Malaysia Department.</li> </ul>

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		<p><b>Vietnam:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, HE Mr Pham Binh Minh</li> <li>• Minister of Culture, Sport and Tourism, HE Mr Hoang Tuan Anh</li> <li>• Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, HE Mr Nguyen Minh Quang</li> <li>• Vice Minister and DG of Vietnam Environment Administration, Mr Bui Cach Tuyen</li> <li>• Vice Minister and National Chief Negotiator on Climate Change, Mr Tran Hong Ha</li> <li>• Officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Ministry of Culture, Sport and Tourism; and Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment.</li> </ul>
23–27 November 2014	Officials	<p><b>Republic of Korea:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head of Korea Coral Resource Bank, Dr Song Joon-im</li> <li>• Ambassador for Climate Change, Choi Jai-Chul and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs</li> <li>• Deputy Minister for Multilateral and Global Affairs, Mr Shin Dong-ik</li> </ul> <p><b>Japan:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry of the Environment: Administrative Vice Minister, Masaki Suzuki and Director-General, Nature Conservation Bureau, Zuiten Tsukamoto</li> <li>• Director-General, Global Environment Bureau, Shigemoto Kajihara, Deputy Director-General, Global environment Bureau, Satoshi Tanaka</li> <li>• Senior Research Scientist, Japan Wildlife Research Centre and Ministry of Environment Expert on World Heritage Committee issues, Dr Kumiko Yoneda</li> <li>• Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry: Director-General Natural Resources and Fuel Department, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Takayuki Sumita</li> <li>• Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Director-General for Cultural Affairs, Jun Shimmi and Director for Multilateral Cultural Cooperation, Masashi Takahashi</li> <li>• Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Shinsuke Sugiyama</li> </ul>

13–19 September 2014	Minister	<p>Ministerial travel to 65<sup>th</sup> <b>International Whaling Commission</b></p> <p><b>Croatia:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deputy Minister of Culture, Mr Berislav Sipus</li> <li>• Deputy Minister of Environmental and Nature Protection, Mr Hrvoje Dokoza</li> <li>• Assistant Minister of Culture, Ms Tamara Perisic</li> <li>• Officials from the Nature Protection Directorate</li> </ul> <p><b>Serbia:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Culture and Information, Mr Ivan Tasovac</li> <li>• Assistant Minister for International Cooperation, Ms Asja Drača Muntean</li> <li>• Chief of Cabinet</li> <li>• Officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Institute for Nature Conservation of Serbia; and Republic Institute for Cultural Heritage.</li> </ul> <p><b>Germany:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office, Professor Dr Maria Boehmer MdB, and officials from her office</li> <li>• Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Ms Rita Schwarzelühr- Sutter MdB and officials from her office</li> <li>• Officials from the Department of Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety</li> </ul>
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