

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

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**Senator Larissa Waters asked:**

1. Please provide an update on the total number, duration and destination of all trips taken by Departmental staff, and the Minister which were concerned with the GBR World Heritage listing in 2014 and 2015.
2. Please provide the costs of each trip to the Department.

**Answer:** The Department of the Environment does not have access to Minister Hunt's travel costs. These are the responsibility of the Department of Finance. Costs provided are for Departmental staff only.

**Trips undertaken by Departmental staff relating  
 to the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area in 2014 and 2015**

<b>Trip number</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Destination (s)</b>	<b>Travel By</b>	<b>Departmental approximate cost</b>
29	31 May – 5 June 2015	Queensland	Department	\$1,755
28	23-28 May 2015	Senegal	Department	\$9,463
27	11– 15 May 2015	England	Department	\$11, 377
26	11-14 May 2015	Queensland	Department	\$2,380
25	9 – 14 May 2015	Croatia Serbia	Department	\$10,419
24	3-7 May 2015	Queensland	Department	\$3,328
23	25-29 April 2015	Queensland	Department	\$5,359
22	13–16 April 2015	Lebanon Turkey Qatar	Department	\$11,430
21	14-17 April 2015	Queensland	Department	\$2,040
20	8 April 2015	France	Minister	NA

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19	7-9 April 2015	Queensland	Department	\$2,059
18	15-22 March 2015	Queensland	Department	\$7,629
17	9–13 March 2015	Japan Republic of Korea India	Minister / Department	\$12,308
16	25 February – 1 March 2015	France	Department	\$25,836
15	15–21 February 2015	Jamaica Colombia Peru	Minister / Department	\$25,388
14	26–31 January 2015	Portugal Germany Finland Poland	Minister / Department	\$13,905
13	16–21 December 2014	Philippines Malaysia Vietnam	Minister / Department	\$12,063
12	6–14 December 2014	Switzerland France	Department	\$27,375
11	23–27 November 2014	Japan Republic of Korea	Department	\$8,398
10	19 – 20 November 2014	Queensland	Department	Costs included in trip #8
9	15-16 November 2014	Queensland	Department	Costs included in trip #8
8	12–19 November 2014	Sydney, World Parks Congress	Minister / Department	\$15,389
7	12 November 2014	Sydney, Asia Pacific Rainforest Summit	Minister / Department	Costs included in trip #8
6	25 October – 1 November	France Germany	Department	\$11,596 (includes non-WH travel costs)

<b>Trip number</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Destination (s)</b>	<b>Travel By</b>	<b>Departmental approximate cost</b>
5	25 August – 2 September 2014	France	Department	\$23,493
4	13–19 September 2014	Croatia Serbia Germany	Minister / Department	\$17,089
3	15-25 June 2014	Qatar	Department	\$23,298
2	17-24 March 2014	France	Department	\$8,155
1	17-25 January 2014	France, Switzerland	Department	\$17,217

**Note:** Many trips also incorporated meetings on other matters. The Department sought, where possible, to schedule trips around attendance at other international fora and ministerial engagements.