

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

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Topic: MINISTER HUNT OVERSEAS TRIP IN SEPTEMBER 2014
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Senator Waters asked:

Senator WATERS: On that Croatia-Serbia-Germany trip, how many departmental or ministerial staff travelled with the minister?

Dr Dripps: There was one departmental staff and one ministerial staff.

Senator WATERS: Could you take on notice the itinerary and the full cost of the trip.

Dr Dripps: Certainly.

Answer:

Departmental staff travel costs were \$15,466.30. After the Minister departed for Australia, the Departmental official travelled to France to conduct further Great Barrier Reef technical briefings with the World Heritage Centre and the International Union for Conservation and Nature.

Ministerial staff travel costs are accounted by the Treasury Department.

Itinerary:

13 -14 September	Travel from Canberra to Portoroz, Slovenia
15 September - Portoroz, Slovenia	Attended morning session of the International Whaling Commission
	Hosted lunch for likeminded members of the International Whaling Commission
15 September - Zagreb, Croatia	Meeting with Croatia's Deputy Minister for Culture, Mr Berislav Sipus, and Deputy Minister for the Environment, Mr Hrvoje Dokoza
16 September – Belgrade, Serbia	Meeting with Serbia's Minister of Culture, Mr Ivan Tasovac
17 September – Berlin, Germany	Meeting with the Parliamentary State Secretary for the German Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Ms Rita Schwarzelühr-Sutter MdB
	Meeting with Minister of State, German Federal Foreign Office, Professor Dr Maria Böhmer

	Lunch meeting with German think tank and energy/renewable energy sector experts
17 September – Frankfurt am Main, Germany	Dinner meeting with Klaus R. Michalak, CEO of KfW Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW) IpeX Bank
17 - 19 September	Travel from Frankfurt to Melbourne