

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015**

**Outcome Higher Education Research and International**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000117**

Senator Wright, Penny provided in writing.

***Minister Pyne Travel***

**Question**

I understand the Minister travelled to China and Laos between September 8 and 14, 2014.

- a) What formal meetings were held during the course of this trip?
- b) Which representatives of the Minister's office and the Department travelled with the minister?

**Answer**

a) On 8 September, Minister Pyne departed Adelaide for Beijing.

On arrival on 9 September the Minister met with:

- HE Ms Frances Adamson, Australian Ambassador to China
- Mr Yuan Guiren, Minister of Education, China.

The Minister also delivered an address at the Peking University with:

- Professor David Walker, BHP Billiton Chair of Australian Studies
- Professor Wang Enge, President, Peking University.

On 10 September, the Minister travelled from Beijing to Shanghai.

On arrival the Minister had formal meetings with:

- Professor Tam Srihdar AO, Vice President (Indian and Chinese initiative), Monash University
- Professor Pu Yuepu, Vice President, Southeast University, Suzhou Jiangsu Province
- Ms Weng Tiehui (responsible for Education), Vice Mayor, Shanghai Municipal Government
- Mr Yang Zhiping, Chairman, Administrative Committee, Suzhou Industrial Park
- Mr Peter Arkell, Chairman, AustCham Shanghai.

The Minister also delivered an address to Australian business community members at an AustCham dinner.

On 11 September, the Minister departed Shanghai and travelled to Vientiane, Laos.

On 12 September, the Minister represented Australia at the Second East Asia Summit Education Ministers' Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> EAS EMM).

The Minister also held formal meetings with counterpart ministers and officials on 11 and 12 September, and met with:

- HE Mr John Williams, Australian Ambassador to Laos
- Professor Dr Mohammed Nuh, Minister for Education and Culture, Indonesia
- HE Mr Hwang Woo Yea, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Education, Republic of Korea
- HE Dr Phankham Viphavanh, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Education and Sport, Lao PDR
- Mr Hawazi Daipi, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Manpower and Ministry of Education, Singapore
- HE Professor Pham Vu Luan, Minister of Education and Training, Vietnam.

The Minister also presided at an Australia Awards ceremony with:

- HE Ms Sengdeuan Lachanthaboun, Deputy Minister for Education, Laos
- Students from Laos.

On the evening of 12 September, the Minister departed Laos and arrived in Adelaide on 13 September.

b) The representatives of the Minister's office and the department who travelled with the Minister were:

- Ms Meredith Jackson, Chief of Staff at Office of the Minister for Education and Training, and Leader of the House
- Ms Lisa Paul AO PSM, Secretary, Department of Education and Training.