

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Topic: Official Photographers

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Did the Department engage the services of official photographers this year? If so, for each instance

- a. For what reason?**
- b. How many photographs were produced?**
- c. Where did they appear?**
- d. Is it possible to have a copy of any publication in which they appeared?**
- e. What was the cost of this official photography?**
- f. Who requested these services?**
- g. Was this service provided by the Department of Finance?**
- h. If so, why?**

Answer:

Yes.

- a) Official photos are requested by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to provide a historical record of significant events as they occur.
- b) 5094
- c) & d) Images have appeared on official websites, in the news media and in the department's annual report. Although the Department owns the images, Auspic maintains a library of the images that they have taken.

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- e) The cost of official photography to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet from 1 July 2010 to 21 February 2011 was \$81,268 (GST inclusive). This figure includes costs for the Arts and Sports Group from 1 November 2011.
- f) The services were requested by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.
- g) Of the 5094 images, 4439 were provided by Auspic of the Department of the Finance and Deregulation.
- h) As has been the practice of successive governments, Auspic, as the official government photographic service, has travelled with the Prime Minister on most official visits, and accompanied Heads of State, Heads of Government and Royalty on official visits to Australia.