

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question: PM25**

**Topic: Indicative Cost of PM's Visit to America**

**Asked By: Senator Ronaldson**

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**Senator RONALDSON - ...What is the approximate cost of this trip going to be, do you know?**

**Mr Lewis - I have no idea. The cost will obviously be tabled after the visit...**

**Senator RONALDSON - So, there is no indicative cost at this stage?**

**Mr Lewis - As I say, we can give you the cost of a previous like visit, but the costs of this visit would not be available until after the accounts were settled.**

**Answer:**

Costs of official travel by Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries, and accompanying staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* are largely paid for by the Department of Finance and Deregulation. This information is tabled in the Parliament every six months in a report titled *Parliamentarians' Expenditure on Entitlements Paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation*. The reports and supporting information are also published on the Finance web site. Information about earlier similar visits by the Prime Minister are contained in these reports.