

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Additional Estimates 23-27 February 2015**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** Outcome 1: Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** Guest of Government visits

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Penny Wong

**Question reference number:** 197

**Type of question:** Written

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** 10 April 2015

**Number of pages:** 7

**Question:**

Can details of all guest of government visits, including costs, be provided for 2014-15 to date?

**Answer:**

The Prime Minister is advised that:

The details of all guest of government visits, including departmental costs, for 2014-15 to date are as set out below, noting that the costs covered under the guest of government programme are consistent with the longstanding practices of former governments. The actual costs for individual visits will vary depending on factors such as:

- the level of the visitor
- the length of the visit
- the size of the delegation; and
- the range of programme elements

2014

**7-10 July – His Excellency Mr Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan**

See response to Question No.50

**15-18 July – His Excellency Ambassador Roberto Azevêdo, Director-General, World Trade Organization**

Summary of visit costs (GST exclusive):

Expense	Total
Transport (ground)	\$8,012.34
Domestic travel (e.g. airfares, meals, accommodation, incidentals)	\$11,218.29
Hospitality and event costs (e.g. catering, venue hire)	\$1,510.00
Miscellaneous visit costs (e.g. printing etc)	\$459.90

**16-19 July – General Fan Changlong, Vice Chairman, Central Military Commission of the People's Republic of China**

The relevant contract (GST inclusive) published on AusTender in relation to the General's visit was:

- CN2531041

Costs to the Department (GST exclusive) not notified on AusTender are summarised below:

Expense	Total
Transport (ground, water)	\$286.99
Domestic travel (e.g. airfares, meals, accommodation, incidentals)	\$5,365.91
Hospitality and event costs (e.g. catering, venue hire)	\$4,457.72
Interpretation	\$4,606.90
Miscellaneous visit costs (e.g. printing etc)	\$1,006.28

**Australia-United States Ministerial Consultations (AUSMIN)**

11-13 August – The Honourable John Kerry, Secretary of State, United States of America

10-12 August – The Honourable Chuck Hagel, Secretary of Defense, United States of America

10-12 August – Admiral Samuel Locklear, Commander, United States Pacific Command, United States of America

The relevant contracts (GST inclusive) published on AusTender in relation to AUSMIN were:

- CN2589212
- CN2648562

Costs to the Department (GST exclusive) not notified on AusTender are summarised below:

Expense	Total
Transport (ground)	\$9,712.02
Domestic travel (e.g. airfares, meals, accommodation, incidentals)	\$23,982.00
Hospitality and event costs (e.g. catering, equipment hire, flowers)	\$4,030.00
Miscellaneous visit costs (e.g. printing etc)	\$4,117.00

### **6-7 November – His Excellency Mr Mark Rutte, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

The relevant contract (GST inclusive) published on AusTender in relation to Prime Minister Rutte's visit was:

- CN2743971

Costs to the Department (GST exclusive) not notified on AusTender are summarised below:

Expense	Total
Transport (ground)	\$119.65
Domestic travel (e.g. airfares, meals, accommodation, incidentals)	\$7,415.00
Hospitality and event costs (e.g. catering, venue hire, flowers)	\$4,802.00
Miscellaneous visit costs (e.g. printing etc)	\$908.00

### **13-14 November – The Right Honourable David Cameron MP, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (G20 GoG visit)**

The relevant contracts (GST inclusive) published on AusTender in relation to Prime Minister Cameron's visit were:

- CN2743991
- CN2759192
- CN2743861
- CN2867932

Costs to the Department (GST exclusive) not notified on AusTender are summarised below:

Expense	Total
Transport (ground)	\$4,628.33
Domestic travel (e.g. air fares, meals, accommodation, incidentals)	\$5,598.14
Hospitality and event costs (e.g. catering, venue/equipment hire, flowers, entertainment)	\$31,174.55
Miscellaneous visit costs (e.g. printing, flags etc)	\$14,642.79

**16-17 November – Dr Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany (G20 GoG visit)**

The relevant contracts (GST inclusive) published on AusTender in relation to Chancellor Merkel's visit were:

- CN2778272
- CN2743841

Costs to the Department (GST exclusive) not notified on AusTender are summarised below:

<b>Expense</b>	<b>Total</b>
Transport (ground, water)	\$11,224.05
Domestic travel (e.g. air fares, meals, accommodation, incidentals)	\$14,081.87
Hospitality and event costs (e.g. catering, venue/equipment hire, flowers, entertainment)	\$18,848.31
Interpretation/simultaneous interpretation equipment hire	\$6,000.00
Miscellaneous visit costs (e.g. printing, flags etc)	\$4,203.63

**16-18 November – Mr Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India (G20 GoG visit)**

The relevant contracts published on AusTender (GST inclusive) in relation to Prime Minister Modi's visit were:

- CN2758962
- CN2744051
- CN2744071
- CN2743791
- CN2744001
- CN2753951
- CN2744171
- CN2743901
- CN2744091

Costs to the Department (GST exclusive) not notified on AusTender are summarised below:

<b>Expense</b>	<b>Total</b>
Transport (ground)	\$10,107.89
Domestic travel (e.g. air fares, meals, accommodation, incidentals)	\$24,597.32
Hospitality and event costs (e.g. catering, venue/equipment hire, flowers, entertainment)	43,071.84
Miscellaneous visit costs (e.g. printing, flags, photography etc)	\$20,684.00

## **16-19 November – His Excellency Mr Xi Jinping, President of the People’s Republic of China (G20 GoG visit)**

The relevant contracts published on AusTender (GST inclusive) in relation to President Xi’s visit were:

- CN2661732
- CN2758982
- CN2758912
- CN2778312
- CN2758872
- CN2759012
- CN2744011
- CN2743931
- CN2743811
- CN2744101
- CN2759022

Costs to the Department (GST exclusive) not notified on AusTender are summarised below:

<b>Expense</b>	<b>Total</b>
Transport (ground)	\$1,193.87
Domestic travel (e.g. air fares, meals, accommodation, incidentals)	\$16,266.06
Hospitality and event costs (e.g. catering, venue/equipment hire, flowers, entertainment)	\$36,857.73
Interpretation/simultaneous interpretation equipment hire	\$8,284.73
Miscellaneous visit costs (e.g. printing, flags, photography etc)	\$20,921.82

## **18-19 November – Mr François Hollande, President of the French Republic (G20 GoG visit)**

The relevant contracts published on AusTender (GST inclusive) in relation to President Hollande’s visit were:

- CN2743851
- CN2778232

Costs to the Department (GST exclusive) not notified on AusTender are summarised below:

<b>Expense</b>	<b>Total</b>
Transport (ground, water)	\$9,679.07
Domestic travel (e.g. air fares, meals, accommodation, incidentals)	\$19,592.81
Hospitality and event costs (e.g. catering, venue/equipment hire, flowers, entertainment)	\$41,336.24
Interpretation/simultaneous interpretation equipment hire	\$12,290.00
Miscellaneous visit costs (e.g. printing, flags, photography etc)	\$15,569.22

## **10-12 December – His Excellency Mr Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine**

The relevant contracts published on AusTender (GST inclusive) in relation to President Poroshenko's visit were:

- CN2801022
- CN2800982
- CN2825742

Costs to the Department (GST exclusive) not notified on AusTender are summarised below:

<b>Expense</b>	<b>Total</b>
Transport (ground, water)	\$8,986.11
Domestic travel (e.g. air fares, meals, accommodation, incidentals)	\$15,127.09
Hospitality and event costs (e.g. catering, venue/equipment hire, flowers)	\$10,769.00
Interpretation	\$1,187.00
Miscellaneous visit costs (e.g. printing, flags etc)	\$10,906.00

2015

### **Australia-United Kingdom Ministerial Consultations (AUKMIN)**

31 January-2 February – The Right Honourable Philip Hammond MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, United Kingdom

31 January-2 February – The Right Honourable Michael Fallon MP, Secretary of State for Defence, United Kingdom

The relevant contract published on AusTender (GST inclusive) in relation to AUKMIN was:

- CN2825742

Costs to the Department (GST exclusive) not notified on AusTender are summarised below:

<b>Expense</b>	<b>Total</b>
Transport (ground, water)	\$2,776.53
Domestic travel (e.g. airfares, meals, accommodation, incidentals)	\$10,758.19
Hospitality and event costs (e.g. venue hire)	\$914.21
Miscellaneous visit costs (e.g. printing etc)	\$786.95

**15-21 February – His Highness Sheikh Abdulla bin Zayad Al-Nahyan, Minister for Foreign Affairs, United Arab Emirates (GoG 17 February Canberra)**

Summary of visit costs (GST exclusive):

<b>Expense</b>	<b>Total</b>
Transport (ground)	\$3,092.59
Domestic travel (e.g. incidentals)	\$40.70
Hospitality and event costs (e.g. catering, equipment hire, flowers)	\$1,164.25
Miscellaneous visit costs (e.g. printing etc)	\$460.00