

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Question:

In reference to answer to question on notice 29 (Dept of PM&C) from the Additional Estimates in February 2014:

1. Did PM&C preform any due diligence on the individuals from the ACTU given they were to receive taxpayer funded flights and accommodation?
2. Can you please provide a list of all of the Australian participants in the Labour 20 (L20), Think 20 (T20), Youth 20 (Y20) and Civil Society 20 (C20) in Moscow?

Answer:

1. The ACTU nominated the individuals travelling for the L20 meetings. The travel was administered by the Department of Employment, then the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR), and DEEWR performed the due diligence.
2. In 2013 the L20, T20, Y20 and C20 were G20 engagement processes run independently of the Australian Government and involved direct links between local stakeholders and the host country organising groups for that year. PM&C does not have comprehensive information on non-government Australian attendees at those events.