

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Budget Estimates 26 May-6 June 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** Travel approval

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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**Question:**

Can an update of Attachment A and Attachment B tabled in answer to question on notice 70 from the Additional Estimates round please be provided?

**Answer:**

Details of overseas travel by officials of the Department valued at more than \$20,000 between 28 February and 26 May 2014 are provided at Attachment A.

Details of overseas travel by officials valued at more than \$50,000 between 28 February and 26 May 2014 on which the Prime Minister was consulted by ministers are provided at Attachment B. This does not include details relating to travel considered exempt from the approvals process, proposals that were subsequently withdrawn or travel after 26 May 2014.

**ATTACHMENT A: DETAILS OF OVERSEAS TRAVEL BY OFFICIALS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET BETWEEN 28 FEBRUARY AND 26 MAY 2014 VALUED AT OVER \$20,000.**

<b>Event/Meeting</b>	<b>Dates of travel</b>	<b>Country/ies</b>
United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues	9 to 26 May 2014	United States
G20 trade meeting and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Ministerial Council meeting.	2 to 13 May 2014	France

**ATTACHMENT B: DETAILS OF CONSULTATIONS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER BY OTHER MINISTERS FOR OVERSEAS TRAVEL BY OFFICIALS BETWEEN 28 FEBRUARY AND 26 MAY 2014.**

<b>Event/Meeting</b>	<b>Dates of travel</b>	<b>Country/ies</b>
Australia-UK Ministerial Consultations.	8 to 15 March 2014	United Kingdom
Meetings with current and potential investors in Australian Commonwealth Government Securities.	25 March to 9 April 2014	Russia, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Poland, Germany, Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania
Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership negotiations.	29 March to 6 April 2014	China
Australia Week in China.	29 March to 12 April 2014	China
G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting.	Departing 1 to 9 April, returning 12 April 2014.	United States of America
International Monetary Fund and World Bank Spring meetings.	Departures on or around 7 April, returning 13 to 14 April.	United States of America
Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting.	25 April to 10 May 2014	Brazil
Asian Development Bank Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors.	29 April to 6 May 2014	Kazakhstan

<b>Event/Meeting</b>	<b>Dates of travel</b>	<b>Country/ies</b>
G20 International Tax Symposium.	Departing 4 to 7 May, returning 10 to 11 May 2014	Japan
Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Senior Officials' Meeting.	Departing 5 to 10 May, returning 8 to 19 May	China
Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations and Ministerial Meeting.	Departures from 10 May, returning on or around 21 May 2014	Vietnam, Singapore
Discussions on bilateral defence cooperation.	19 to 21 May 2014	Japan