

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

With reference to the answer to question on notice 86 from the Additional Estimates round:

Can costs acquitted since the answer was prepared be provided?

Can the department provide details of all subsequent guest of government visits, including costs?

Answer:

No. Costs are yet to be acquitted.

The guest of government visits undertaken in the period 25 February to 26 May 2014 are:

- Visit by His Excellency Mr Le Luong Mihn, Secretary-General, Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) – 16-20 March 2014
- Visit by The Right Honourable Dato' Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia – 2-3 April 2014
- His Excellency Mr Ha Hung Cuong, Minister for Justice, Socialist Republic of Vietnam – 13-16 April 2014
- His Royal Highness The Duke of Cambridge KG KT and Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cambridge – 16-25 April 2014

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The Department has a long-standing practice of releasing the full cost of each visit only after all costs have been acquitted. When all costs for the above visits have been acquitted, the cost of each visit will be made publically available in accordance with past practice.