

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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

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**Topic:** PM's travel to France, Canada and the United States

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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**Question:**

1. How many (a) ministerial staff and (b) departmental staff travelled in advance in association with the Prime Minister's visit to France, Canada and the United States in June 2014?
2. How many (a) ministerial staff and (b) departmental staff accompanied the Prime Minister on his visit to France, Canada and the United States in June 2014?
3. What costs did the department incur in relation to travel of departmental staff (a) in advance and (b) with the Prime Minister?
4. What total costs did the department incur in relation to the Prime Minister's trip?

**Answer:**

1. (a) 3  
(b) 3
2. In addition to those in advance:  
(a) 9  
(b) 2 (France); 3 (Canada and United States of America).
- 3&4. 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 visit have been acquitted, the cost of the visit will be made publically available in accordance with past practice.