

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Senator WONG: Chair, could I ask the department a question while they are getting that information. I would also like to know the three other occasions on which a staff member has travelled independently, one to meet Ms Bishop—the Bangkok and Israel trip, and the Malaysia and Burma trip, which are referenced in answer 152. Can you please advise why the Prime Minister authorised that travel, given the guidelines to which I have referred? I am happy for you to take that on notice and come back later. I understand that you are checking through the other issues as well. Is that right?
Thank you.

Answer:

Refer to the answer to PM 57.