

# 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:**

Senator WONG: So the G20 sherpa cultural activity cruise cost \$10,000-plus in December.

Ms Kelly: Yes.

Senator WONG: Can you tell me who participated in that?

Ms Kelly: There were approximately 100 guests. They were the sherpas who had been at the sherpa meeting in Sydney and some members of the G20 policy team. I understand that some members of the B20 were invited as well. I will ask Mr Langman to—

Senator WONG: Do you want to take this on notice? I do not think you want to read out 100 names.

Ms Kelly: Mr Langman attended the cruise, but I am quite happy to take it on notice.

Mr Langman: As Ms Kelly has said, it was a group of the sherpas from the G20 countries, their leaders' representatives, delegates from their delegations, Australian officers working on the G20 and some representatives of the B20 group.

Senator WONG: Any ministers?

Mr Langman: I do not believe so.

Senator WONG: Members of parliament or senators?

Ms Cross: I think it is best if we take these questions on notice—

Senator WONG: Sure. That is fine.

Ms Cross: so we can be completely sure. Not to our knowledge, but we will take it on notice.

**Answer:**

The attendees on the cultural activity cruise comprised the following:

- 38 International sherpas and delegates;

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- three Business 20 representatives;
- one Youth 20 representative;
- 22 officials from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet;
- two officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs; and
- two officials from the Department of Treasury.

Total: 68

The Prime Minister's Office was not consulted on the guest list or the event.