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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Senator WONG: Ms Kelly, given that you have not added them up, could you add them up and provide it on notice please?

Ms Kelly: Yes, I can. I would just note for completeness that the total funding provided for the G20 was \$372.1 million.

Answer:

The total cost of the Guest of Government visits referred to in response to question number 65 from the 2014-15 Additional Estimates Hearing is \$1,769,218.99.

Five Guest of Government visits were associated with the G20. Guest of Government visits are usually funded under the State Occasions and Official Visits Programme, like the 58 high-level Guest of Government visits during the former government.

Given five of the Guest of Government visits were associated with the G20, the costs for these visits were met within the G20 budget. As noted previously, the budget for the G20 was committed by the previous government. Upon forming Government, the Prime Minister asked that his Department look for increased efficiencies in relation to Australia hosting the 2014 G20 Leaders' meeting in Brisbane. This has resulted in \$33.6 million being returned to Budget, a 10% saving to the amount committed by the former Labor government.