

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing 18-22 November 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Overseas ministerial travel – proposals declined

Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Please provide details of all overseas ministerial visit proposals declined by the Prime Minister since 18 September 2013 including, for each proposal: (a) the date approval was sought (b) the date approval was declined (c) the name of the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary (c) the countries to be visited (d) the purpose of the visit (e) the number of accompanying staff (f) whether accompanying spouse travel was sought and (g) the estimated cost outlined in the visit proposal.

Answer:

The provision of details of proposed visits, if any, that did not proceed or of any proposals that were declined could be reasonably expected to cause damage to Australia's international relations.