

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Supplementary Budget Estimates 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 delegations

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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**Question:**

What role, if any, does the Prime Minister and/or his office play in approving the size and composition of official overseas delegations?

**Answer:**

The Prime Minister wrote to his colleagues on 18 November 2013 advising Cabinet Ministers are responsible for approving overseas travel by departmental or agency officials (individually or as part of a delegation) where the proposed cost exceeds \$20,000 and are expected to consult the Prime Minister on any proposal that exceeds \$50,000.