

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2015-16

Finance Portfolio
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Senator: Bilyk

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Question:

In relation to any international trips undertaken by the Minister in 2015, can he please provide the Senate:

1. A copy of the itinerary for each overseas trip;
2. An itemised list of the costs of each trip including the class of travel for any flights;
3. Copies of receipts for any food or beverages that the Minister consumed at taxpayer expense during each trip;
4. Copies of receipts for any self-drive hire cars or chauffeured services utilised by the Minister during each trip;
5. Details of any spouse travel;
6. Copies of receipts for any other ground transport; and
7. Copies of receipts for any hotel accommodation.

Answer:

1. The Minister for Finance undertook five international trips during 2015.

Date	Purpose of Trip
26–31 March 2015	To attend the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2015 in Boao, Hainan Province, China and bilateral meetings in Shanghai.
25 June–12 July 2015	To lead the European Australian Business Council business mission to Europe from 28 June to 3 July 2015; to participate in meetings with the OECD and Government Ministers in Paris from 4 to 7 July 2015; to lead the Australian business mission to Berlin from 7 to 9 July 2015; and to participate in the Australia-Germany Advisory Group Meeting in Berlin on 10 July 2015.
9–12 September 2015	To represent the Treasurer at the 2015 APEC Finance Ministerial Meeting in Cebu, Philippines.
7–13 October 2015	To represent the Treasurer at the G20 Finance Ministers Meeting in Lima, Peru.
11–17 November 2015	To present the report of the Australia-Germany Advisory Group to the Prime Minister and Chancellor Merkel in Berlin and to accompany the Prime Minister, representing the Treasurer at the G20 Leaders Summit, Antalya, Turkey.

2. Details of expenditure for costs related to official travel paid by the Department are published every six months in the report *Parliamentarians' Expenditure on Entitlements paid by the Department of Finance*. The six monthly report for 1 January to 30 June 2015 will be available in December 2015.
3. – 4. N/A.
5. The Minister was accompanied by his spouse on the trip to Europe from 28 June to 12 July 2015 inclusive.
6. – 7. N/A.