

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Did the public data project report mid-year, per evidence from Ms Kelly at the Budget Estimates hearing. If so, can a copy of the report be provided to the committee. If not, why not.

When and where did Dr Smith travel overseas in relation to the public data project. Can itemised costs and a detailed itinerary be provided.

What was the total cost of the public data project.

Answer:

The Public Sector Data Management review was commissioned as an internal APS review. The final report was provided to sponsoring Secretaries, Mr Michael Thawley of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Ms Jane Halton of the Department of Finance and Mr Drew Clarke of the Department of Communications on 16 July 2015. The report is publicly available on the Department's website at www.dpmc.gov.au.

Dr Smith travelled to the United Kingdom from 16 May to 20 May 2015, the United States from 20 May to 28 May 2015 and to New Zealand from 10 June to 11 June 2015.

Itinerary for UK and US

16/05/2015	Depart Canberra
17/05/2015	Arrive London
19/05/2015	Depart London – arrive Washington
21/05/2015	Depart Washington – arrive New York
24/05/2015	Depart New York – arrive San Francisco
26/05/2015	Depart San Francisco
28/05/2015	Arrive Canberra

Meetings in the UK and US

US	UK
• Department of Commerce	• Australian High Commissioner
• White House Office of Science & Technology Policy	• Open Data and Government Innovation, Cabinet Office
• Center for New American Security	• Government Digital Service
• National Academies Board on Research Data and Information	• Open Data Institute
• National Science Foundation	• Institute for Directors
• Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF)	• National Audit Office
• National Science and Technology Council	• Policy Exchange
• National Institutes of Health	• Open Knowledge Foundation
• Office of Data Analytics, City of New York	• National Health Service
• Accenture	
• McKinsey & Company	
• GovLab, New York University	
• Australian Ambassador to UN	
• McKinsey Global Institute	
• Data San Francisco City hall	
• Wells Fargo	
• VMware-Silicon Valley	

Cost of UK/US Trip (Dr Smith and accompanying officer):

Item	Cost
Flights	\$26,512.41
Accommodation	\$12,325.09
Meals	\$352.73
Incidentals	\$1,195.39
TOTAL:	\$40,385.62

Itinerary for New Zealand

10/06/2015	Depart Canberra – arrive Wellington
11/06/2015	Depart Wellington – arrive Canberra

Meetings in New Zealand:

• Australian High Commission
• Secretary of New Zealand Treasury
• Statistics New Zealand
• Department of Internal Affairs
• Senior Economic Advisor, Office of the Hon. Bill English
• Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Cost of New Zealand Trip (Dr Smith and accompanying officer):

Item	Cost
Flights	\$5270.60
Accommodation	\$984.64
Incidentals	\$58.00
TOTAL:	\$6,313.24

The total cost of the project to the department was \$309,071, including salaries for 4.5 FTE.

In addition, the Department of Finance, Department of Communications, Australian Taxation Office and the Australian Bureau of Statistics seconded staff to the project from late April to early July.