

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio  
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**Question:** AR-22  
**Topic:** Mr Nick Otter's overseas travel expenditure for the Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute (GCCSI)  
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**Senator Bushby asked:**

**Senator BUSHBY**—So he is interim in the true sense.

**Mr Clarke**—Yes.

**Senator BUSHBY**—Since being appointed, has he visited any other nations in relation to setting up the global institute?

**Senator BUSHBY**—Which countries did he visit on that overseas trip?

**Mr Hartwell**—I do not have his full travel details in front of me, but I do recall him being in the United Kingdom and he could possibly have been in France also.

**Senator BUSHBY**—Would you take it on notice to find that out? When you do, could you also inform the committee of the size of the delegation that went with him? Presumably he did not travel on his own—or did he?

**Mr Hartwell**—On this particular trip, I believe that he did travel on his own, yes.

**Senator BUSHBY**—Please confirm that and also provide the committee with details and a breakdown of the expenses that were incurred as a result of that trip.

**Mr Hartwell**—Okay.

**Answer:**

Mr Nick Otter visited the United Kingdom in January to represent the GCCSI at the first meeting of the Steering Committee for the Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum Ministerial meeting, to be held in London in October 2009. Mr Otter was not accompanied on the trip.

The expenses incurred for Mr Nick Otter's attendance at this meeting were:

- Airfare - \$9,778
- Travel Allowance and Accommodation - \$2,335
- Total expenditure - \$12,113