

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

What costs were met in association with General Cosgrove's call on Her Majesty

The Queen in February 2014, including (a) air transport (b) land transport

(c) accommodation (d) hospitality (e) travel allowances (f) other costs?

Can a copy of the itinerary and meeting program be provided?

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) was responsible for meeting costs for the Governor-General Designate, General Peter Cosgrove AC MC, and Mrs Cosgrove to travel to London to call on Her Majesty The Queen. In line with past practice, PM&C is not able to report the costs for this official trip until such time as all invoices have been received and paid. This has not yet occurred.

A summary of the itinerary for General and Mrs Cosgrove is below:

17 February 2014	Depart Sydney
18 February 2014	Arrive London Lunch hosted by the High Commissioner
19 February 2014	Audience and lunch with Her Majesty The Queen Meeting with The Duchess of Cornwall Australian media conference at Australia House
20 February 2014	Morning tea – Australian High Commission Reception hosted by Deputy High Commissioner
21 February 2014	Depart London
23 February 2014	Arrive Sydney