

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Additional Estimates 24-28 February 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** Overseas travel – correction of the record

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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**Question:**

With reference to evidence by the Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Ms Kelly, at the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing on 18 November 2013 that 27 ministerial overseas visits had been undertaken between 18 September and 18 November 2013, including visits by the Prime Minister:

Why does the answer to question on notice 33 show that 30 visits were undertaken between 18 September and 18 November 2013, including four visits by the Prime Minister? Why was corrected evidence not provided to the committee before 12 February 2014?

**Answer:**

There were 27 ministerial overseas visits that had been completed during the period 18 September to 18 November 2013, four by the Prime Minister and 23 by the rest of the Ministry. The difference is because, at the time of the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing, three ministerial overseas visits which had commenced prior to 18 November 2014 were still in progress.