

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates 24-28 February 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Can details of the guest of government visits, including costs, listed in the answer to question on notice 72 from the Supplementary Budget Estimates round now be provided?

Can the details of all guest of government visits since 18 November 2013, including costs, be provided?

Answer:

The costs of the visits listed in the answer to PM 72 from the Supplementary Budget Estimates were:

- The Right Honourable John Key MP, Prime Minister of New Zealand - Wednesday 2 October 2013: \$12,296.52.
- His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Wales – Friday 4 to Sunday 6 October 2013: \$150,317.51.
- His Excellency Professor Dr Boediono, Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia and Madam Herawati Boediono – Sunday 10 to Saturday 16 November 2013: \$151,295.79.
- Daw Aung San Suu Kyi AC, National League for Democracy, Burma - Wednesday 27 November to Monday 2 December 2013: \$39,173.81.

The guest of government visits undertaken in the period 18 November 2013 to 24 February 2014 are:

- The Right Honourable John Key MP, Prime Minister of New Zealand – Monday 6 to Wednesday 8 January 2014.
- Dato' Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Minister of Home Affairs, Malaysia – Monday 17 to Thursday 20 February 2014.

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The Department has a long-standing practice of releasing the full cost of each visit only after all costs have been acquitted. When all costs for the above two visits have been acquitted, the cost of each visit will be made publically available in accordance with past practice.