

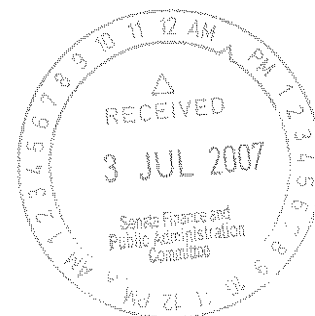
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Budget Estimates Hearings 2007-2008, 21-22 May 2007



Question: PM 2

Outcome 1, Output 3

Topic: APEC 2007 - costs for Comcar drivers

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Senator EVANS asked - Now, as I have mentioned in relation to our discussion about the Canberra meeting, that does not include the travel and accommodation, airfares and apartments for drivers who had to come interstate.

Senator CHRIS EVANS—Can you take those costs on notice for me?..

Senator CHRIS EVANS—No, I said that is not what I am asking you for. I was asking you for the costs associated with each of the meetings. You have given me the transport costs. You are telling me that you account for the accommodation, meals and other costs associated with the event in a separate budget item, separate from transport. I am asking you what the costs of those were.

Mr Henderson—All right.

Answer: For the Canberra meeting, accommodation costs came to \$18,500 and airfares \$5,000. Meals and travel allowance were paid by Comcar and reimbursed as part of the overall invoice.

The breakdown of accommodation and airfares for each of the meetings is as follows:

Meeting	Accommodation	Airfares
MRM3 Perth	\$79,000	\$52,000
SME Hobart	\$58,000	\$27,000
TMM Adelaide	\$64,000	\$27,000
EMM8 Darwin	\$65,000	\$38,000

As with the Canberra meeting, meals and travel allowance are paid by Comcar and reimbursed as part of the overall invoice.