

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 Hearing 26 May - 27 May 2008



Question: PM156a

Outcome 1, Output 5.5

Topic: Cost of the Prime Minister's overseas trip

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked: Further to questioning on 27 May 2008 in relation to the Prime Minister's overseas trip from 27 March to 13 April, please provide the following details:

Costs of the trip incurred

Answer: Please see answer tabled for Question: PM41.

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Question: PM156b

Outcome 1, Output 5.5

Topic: Ministerial staff who travelled on the Prime Minister's overseas trip

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked: Further to questioning on 27 May 2008 in relation to the Prime Minister's overseas trip from 27 March to 13 April, please provide the following details:

Ministerial staff who travelled on the trip

Answer:

Mr David Epstein

Chief of Staff and Principal Adviser

Ω Ms Virginia Dale
Advancer

Mr Gary Quinlan

Senior Policy Adviser Foreign Affairs

Mr John Fisher
Executive Assistant

Mr Lachlan Harris

Senior Media Adviser

Σ Ms Tracey Robinson
Advancer

Mr Steven Kennedy

Senior Adviser Economic

Ms Kate Shaw
Executive Assistant

† Ms Alex Gordon

Senior Adviser Climate Change

Ms Jill Brunson
Executive Assistant

Ms Fiona Sugden

Media Adviser

Ms Maggie Lloyd
Media Assistant

Mr Scott Dewar

Adviser

Did not travel to Sanya

† *London and China only*

Ω *In advance. Belgium, Romania and UK only*

Σ *In advance. USA and China only*

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Question: PM156c

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Topic: Accommodation details

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked: Further to questioning on 27 May 2008 in relation to the Prime Minister's overseas trip from 27 March to 13 April, please provide the following details:

Accommodation details, incl. where various staff stayed

Answer:

Washington 27 to 29 March	Blair House Willard InterContinental Hotel	13 members of Official Party Eight members of Official Party
30 March 1 April	Ambassador's Residence Willard InterContinental Hotel	One PMO staff, one Australian Federal Police officer Remainder of Official Party
New York 29 March	Ambassador's Residence Beekman Tower Hotel	One PMO staff, two Australian Federal Police officers Remainder of Official Party
Brussels 2 to 3 April	Hotel Le Méridien	Official Party
Bucharest 3 to 4 April	Hotel Sofitel	Official Party
London 4 to 8 April	Hyatt Churchill	Official Party
Beijing 8 to 11 April	Ambassador's Residence River View Hotel	One PMO staff, one Australian Federal Police officer Remainder of Official Party

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Question: PM156d

Outcome 1, Output 5.5

Topic: Travelling Assistant

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked: Further to questioning on 27 May 2008 in relation to the Prime Minister's overseas trip from 27 March to 13 April, please provide the following details:

In particular, did the travelling assistant to the Prime Minister stay at the same place as the Prime Minister?

Answer: There was nobody with that title travelling with the Prime Minister.

When the Prime Minister stayed in official residences, he was accompanied as follows:

Washington – one PMO staff and one Australian Federal Police officer;
New York – one PMO staff and two Australian Federal Police officers, and
Beijing - one PMO Staff and one Australian Federal Police officer.

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Question: PM156e

Outcome 1, Output 5.5

Topic: Did a doctor travel with the Prime Minister

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked: Did a doctor travel with the Prime Minister and if so, please provide his or her accommodation details. Did he or she stay at the same place as the Prime Minister?

Answer: No.

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Question: PM156f

Outcome 1, Output 5.5

Topic: Who stayed at the Ambassador's residence

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked: Further to questions on 27 May 2008 regarding the cancellation of the reservation at the Willard InterContinental, please provide details of who stayed at the Ambassador's residence on Sunday 30 March ie. Other than the Prime Minister and his wife, did any other member of the Prime Minister's entourage stay at the ambassador's residence?

Answer: While staying at the Ambassador's Residence in Washington, the Prime Minister and Ms Rein were accompanied by one PMO staff member and one Australian Federal Police officer.