

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/241) PROGRAMME – 4.5: Regional Cooperation and Associated Activities

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

When did the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection visit Malaysia?

How long was the visit for?

What is the breakdown of costs associated with the visit?

What was the purpose of the Ministers visit?

Who did the Minister meet?

What formal discussions were held?

What did these discussions entail?

What did the Minister see while he was in Malaysia?

Did the Minister visit Malaysia's Maritime Enforcement Agency?

What was discussed during this meeting?

Answer:

The Hon Scott Morrison MP, Minister for Immigration and Border Protection visited Malaysia from 22 October 2013 to 24 October 2013.

The costs of official travel by ministers, parliamentary secretaries and any accompanying staff employed under the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984 (MOP(S) Act) are met by the Department of Finance. Detailed information regarding Parliamentary entitlements expenditure, including ministers' and parliamentary secretaries' overseas and domestic travel entitlements is tabled in the Parliament every six months and published on the Finance website. The report also includes car transport costs for ministers and parliamentary secretaries met by their home departments.

The purpose of the visit was to hold discussions with key government and non-government stakeholders in order to strengthen bilateral relationships.