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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER
CHIEF OF STAFF

Reference: B14/1699

07 JUN 2014

Mr Grant Lovett
Chief of Staff
Office of the Treasurer
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Lovett

I refer to your letter dated 2 June 2014 seeking approval for the Treasurer, the Hon Joe Hockey MP, to travel to China to conduct the inaugural Australia-China Strategic Economic Dialogue and other high-level meetings.

Mr Hockey's travel from 23 to 27 June 2014, accompanied by you and [REDACTED] s 22 Media Adviser, has been approved. Mr Hockey should seek leave from the Chief Government Whip for his absence from Parliament. It is noted that the estimated cost of the visit is \$43,419.

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In the event that the nominated staff members are unable to accompany the Minister, your office is responsible for giving the Department of Finance the details of the staff member who will accompany the Minister. Advice should be sent to emb@finance.gov.au. You should also keep this office informed in the event of any change. It is the Prime Minister's expectation that the number of accompanying government officials will be kept to an efficient minimum.

It has been agreed that the Minister for Finance and Acting Assistant Treasurer, Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann, will act as the Treasurer during Mr Hockey's absence overseas.

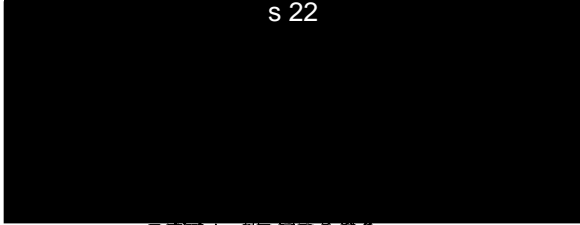
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A copy of this letter has been forwarded to the offices of the Chief Government Whip and Senator Cormann.

Yours sincerely

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PETA CREDLIN

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OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

Ms Peta Credlin
Chief of Staff
Office of the Prime Minister
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

17 JUN 2014

Dear Ms *Peta* Credlin

Thank you for your letter of 7 June 2014 providing approval for the Treasurer, Mr Michael Willesee and myself to travel to the People's Republic of China for meetings with senior Chinese officials and to conduct the inaugural Australia-China Strategic Economic Dialogue (SED) with the National Development and Reform Commission.

I am writing to provide you with an update on the visit. The Treasurer and [REDACTED] s 22 will depart for Beijing on Sunday, 22 June 2014, as opposed to [REDACTED] s 34(2) to ensure the Treasurer arrives into Beijing in time to [REDACTED] s 47E(d) [REDACTED] s 34(2) [REDACTED] s 34(2) and to meet with the Governor of the People's Bank of China. The meeting with the Governor could not be scheduled at another time during the Treasurer's visit. My travel dates remain unchanged.

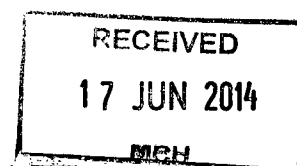
The total estimated cost of the trip has been reduced from \$43,419 to \$30,538 due to the change in itinerary and cheaper accommodation in Beijing. A further breakdown of these costs is provided in **Attachment A**.

Attachment B provides the latest draft of the Treasurer's program whilst in China.

Yours sincerely
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Grant Lovett
Chief of Staff



ATTACHMENT A

Cost breakdown for the Treasurer's visit to Shanghai and Beijing, Peoples Republic of China 22-27 June 2014

	Flight Costs/ class of travel (AUD-inc. tax)	Accommodation type & Cost (AUD- inc. tax)	Cost for Meals and incidentals (AUD)	Cost for on the ground transport (AUD)	Other associated costs (AUD)
Treasurer	Business Class AUD7,665	Beijing - s37(1)(c) s47G [REDACTED] Shanghai - s37(1)(c) s47G [REDACTED]	AUD200 per person per night has been estimated to allow for meals and incidentals x 5 nights Total AUD1,000	Nil anticipated	Visa - AUD188
Mr Grant Lovett - Chief of Staff	Business Class AUD7,665	Beijing - s37(1)(c) s47G [REDACTED] Shanghai - s37(1)(c) s47G [REDACTED]	AUD200 per person per night has been estimated to allow for meals and incidentals x 4 nights Total AUD800	Nil anticipated	Visa - AUD188
s 22 Media Adviser	Business Class AUD7,665	Beijing - s37(1)(c) s47G [REDACTED] Shanghai - s37(1)(c) s47G [REDACTED]	AUD200 per person per night has been estimated to allow for meals and incidentals x 5 nights Total AUD1,000	Nil anticipated	Passport - AUD244 Visa - AUD188
TOTAL	AUD22,995	AUD3,935	AUD2,800	AUD	AUD808

ATTACHMENT B

INDICATIVE PROGRAM - TREASURER

SUNDAY 22 JUNE

- 0945 Depart Sydney for Hong Kong on Qantas Airways flight QF127**
- 1720 Arrive Hong Kong**
- 1900 Depart Hong Kong for Beijing on Dragonair flight KA906**
- 2230 Arrive Beijing**

MONDAY 23 JUNE

- 1000-1100 Meeting with Mr Zhou Xiaochuan, Governor of People's Bank of China**
- 1200-1330 Lunch with Australian Banks (tbc)**
- 1400-1445 Embassy Briefing**

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TUESDAY 24 JUNE

- 0915-1200 Australia-China Strategic Economic Dialogue**
- 1045-1145 Meeting with Mr Shang Fulin, Chairman of China Banking Regulatory Commission**
- 1200-1300 Lunch hosted by China NDRC**
- 1300-1330 Media opportunity**
- 1600-1700 Meeting with Vice Premier Zhang Gaoli (requested by NDRC)**
- 1830-2000 Investment dinner hosted by Chargé d'Affaires**

WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE

- 1030-1130** **Meeting with Mr Xiao Gang, Chairman of China Securities Regulatory Commission**
- 1230-1400** **Lunch with Mr Lou Jiwei, Minister of Finance, China**
- 1630** **Depart Beijing for Shanghai on Air China flight CA1549**
- 1840** **Arrive Shanghai**

THURSDAY 26 JUNE

- 1000-1100** **Meeting with Mr Han Zheng, Party Secretary of Shanghai Municipal Government**
- 1130-1430** **Austcham Lunch**
- 1500-1630** **Speech on G20 issues to China Executive Leadership Academy in Pudong**
- 1700** **Media opportunity**
- 1955** **Depart Shanghai for Sydney on Qantas Airways flight QF130**

FRIDAY 27 JUNE

- 0830** **Arrive Sydney**

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Dear Mr Lovett

Further to your advice of 17 June, approval has been given for the Treasurer, the Hon Joe Hockey MP, and s 22, Media Adviser, to travel to China from 22 to 27 June 2014. Approval is also given for you to join the Treasurer in China, departing Australia on 23 June. It is noted that the revised cost estimate of the visit is \$30,538.

Regards

Peta Credlin | [Chief of Staff](#)

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