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Canberra journalist wins German Grant for Journalism 2010

Kieran GILBERT of Sky News Australia has been awarded the German Grant for Journalism 2010 offered by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in association with the National Press Club of Australia.

Mr Gilbert is a senior political journalist in the Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery for Sky News Australia. He hosts the respected AM & PM Agenda programmes and has covered the last three elections, interviewing among others John Howard, Kevin Rudd and Julia Gillard. He has also reported on international issues, such as the inauguration of US President Barack Obama and the December 2004 Tsunami in Banda Aceh.

Through the German Embassy in Canberra, the German Government organises a two-week program of visits and interviews as requested by the successful applicant. All expenses connected with the visit are covered by the German Government .

On his visit to Germany in November 2010, Mr Gilbert intends to gather material for two documentaries. In his documentaries Mr Gilbert will compare the impact of environmental movements on national parliaments in Germany and Australia as well as the advances made in the area of renewable energy. He will also highlight the cultural diversity of Berlin and its initiatives to integrate immigrants from various cultural and religious backgrounds. Furthermore, Mr Gilbert will visit the Ruhr region to report on the region's successful structural change from an industrial city to one of the European Capitals of Culture in 2010.

The German Grant for Journalism has been awarded annually since 1986. Every year, the applications are assessed by a joint panel nominated by the German Embassy and the National Press Club. The German Ambassador Dr. Michael Witter has presented the grant to Kieran Gilbert on Tuesday, September 28, within the framework of the launch of Tim Flannery's new book "Here on Earth" at the National Press Club of Australia.

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