

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
—Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2014**

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Cost of private events**

Question: **190**

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**Senator WONG:** Okay. I would like to know, under that contract—so, not separate—the total cost in the last financial year of private events within the Speaker's or the Prime Minister's—I think the President has already made his position clear this morning—events and on which dates those events occurred.

**Answer**

DPS is not advised about private events in Members' suites. When catering is provided by IHG for private functions in a Member or Senator's suite, arrangements are made between that Member of Parliament and IHG. DPS is not involved in the billing for catering services, the bill is sent from IHG direct to the Member of Parliament.