

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

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Crockery**
Question: **197**
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Senator MADIGAN: Could you take on notice, Ms Mills: could you inform the committee how much money has DPS spent on crockery, re-equipping members' rooms or the Prime Minister's room or whatever—a total? How much money you have spent? And where was the crockery sourced from?

Ms Mills: Yes, I can take that on notice.

Answer

After the 2013 election, DPS replaced all crockery, cutlery and glassware in 29 Ministers' suites and provided six full sets as spares to Ministerial Wing Support. The total cost was \$20,205 (ex GST) and the Department of Finance has been invoiced for this amount.

Ten sets of crockery, cutlery and glassware were also provided to the Department of House of Representatives in October 2013 for use in Members' suites. The total cost was \$8,610 (ex GST).

DPS also purchased spare items of crockery at the cost of \$2,536 (ex GST) as well as meeting the freight costs for all the crockery purchased, which was \$1,461 (ex GST).

The crockery, cutlery and glassware are made up of a range of components sourced from different companies: Royal Doulton, Grosvenor, Avanti, Bodum, Rona, Bormioli Rocco and Schott Zweisel.

DPS does not supply crockery and cutlery to the Prime Minister's suite. However a coffee plunger was provided in February 2011 at a cost of \$47.70.