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**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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**Senator:** Kitching

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**Question:**

**Senator KITCHING:** Ms Kelly and Ms Ganly, how many other occasions have officials from either the federal secretariat or any state or territory secretariats of the Liberal Party attended functions at either The Lodge or Kirribilli House since Mr Turnbull has become Prime Minister? I am happy for you to take it on notice.

**Ms Ganly:** We would be able to assist with official functions that had been hosted and for which we have the guest list. However, we would not be able to provide the information regarding any time they were there where it was sustenance or under other arrangements. So it would be only for official functions for which we hold the guest list.

**Senator KITCHING:** The ban on fundraising at the official establishments first came into effect with Kevin Rudd when he became Prime Minister in 2007—is that correct?

**Ms Kelly:** We do not know that. We will look into the history of it. Neither of us go back that far.

**Answer:**

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) does not maintain records of attendees at official functions in a way that would readily allow an accurate answer to the question as to the number of occasions on which officials from either the federal secretariat or any state or territory secretariats of the Liberal Party attended.

PM&C has over a number of years, certainly as far as we can ascertain since June 2000, provided advice that the Official Establishments are not to be used for electoral fundraising activities.