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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

What amount has the department expended on alcohol in 2014-15 to date in connection with (a) the Prime Minister's official functions and (b) the Prime Minister's sustenance?

Answer:

Information on expenditure on components of the Prime Minister's official functions and sustenance is not collected in a way that would allow this expenditure to be identified. It would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources to identify this expenditure.

Information on the stock and value of alcohol at the official residences has previously been provided to the Committee (for example, question 63 from the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing in October 2014). Information has also been provided on expenditure on alcohol at official functions (for example question 42 from the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing in May 2014).

Consistent with long standing practice the department maintains the budget for the Prime Minister's Official Residences, which includes expenditure on sustenance. In 2014-15 the Prime Minister's Official Residences budget was \$1.697 million. As at 30 April 2015, expenditure was \$1.206 million, which is in line with expenditure in previous years.