

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

What amount has been expended on hospitality provided by the Prime Minister in a non-official capacity in 2014-15 to date?

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet does not record expenditure on hospitality provided by the Prime Minister in a ‘non-official capacity’ in a way that would readily allow the requested information to be identified. Under the Remuneration Tribunal determination the Prime Minister is entitled to receive sustenance at the Official Establishments at Government expense. Consistent with long-standing practice over many decades, sustenance for the Prime Minister may include the holding of small private functions. Overall expenditure on sustenance for the Official Establishments is comparable with previous years.