

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Additional Estimates 23-27 February 2015**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** Outcome 1: Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** Expenditure on Office of the Prime Minister

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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**Question:**

What is the allocated budget for the operation of the Office of the Prime Minister in 2014-15? What amount has been expended on the operation of the Office of the Prime Minister in 2014-15 to date?

**Answer:**

Consistent with longstanding practices, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is allocated departmental funds for the operation of the Department, including Ministerial offices within the portfolio. Allocation of departmental funding and internal budgets are matters for the Secretary and may change from time to time.

From 1 July 2014 to 28 February 2015, \$691,460 has been spent on the operation of the Prime Minister's Office. This amount is comparable to expenditure in previous years and includes staff costs for Departmental Liaison Officers.