

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: Outcome 1: Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: The Lodge – Household arrangements

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Question:

1. Besides the Prime Minister and Mrs Turnbull, have any members of their family moved to The Lodge?
2. Do any members of the Turnbull family reside for extended periods at The Lodge?
3. Could you please explain the staffing profile at The Lodge and Kirribilli House?
4. Can you please advise the total annual staff cost?
5. Is a chef employed to cook for the Prime Minister and Mrs Turnbull? If so, is this a chef that worked for the Prime Minister and Mrs Turnbull prior to Mr Turnbull knifing Mr Abbott to become PM, or is the chef a long-time employee of the Official Establishments?
6. Who is the chef? What is their experience?
7. Does the chef work at The Lodge exclusively, or does he/she also work at Kirribilli House?
8. Is the chef ever required to perform duties at the Prime Minister's mansion in Point Piper? If so, on how many occasions has the chef worked at Point Piper? Could you please provide an itemised list, setting out the dates and the relevant functions? Were they for functions that other guests attended, or was it just meals for the Prime Minister and Mrs Turnbull?
9. Do any other taxpayer-funded household staff work at Point Piper? If so, who? Can you please provide fully itemised details as above?
10. Who pays for transporting household staff between The Lodge, Kirribilli House and Point Piper?
11. Did the Prime Minister and Mrs Turnbull take any privately-funded domestic staff to The Lodge? If so, can you please provide all details?

Answer:

1 No

2 No

3 Refer to the table below

Official Establishment	Position	Employment period
The Lodge	House manager	Since December 2010
	Chef	Since June 2015
	House attendant (part-time)	Since May 2012
	House attendant (part-time)	Since February 2015
Kirribilli House	House manager/chef	From 1998
	Senior house attendant	From 2005

- 4 Household salaries are a component of the Prime Minister's Official Residence programme.
- 5 Refer to question 3 above
- 6 For privacy and security reasons the personal details of the staff are not disclosed.
- 7 Refer to question 3 above
- 8 No
- 9 No
- 10 Not relevant
- 11 No