

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

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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**Senator:** Wong, Penny

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**Question:**

Senator WONG: The Parliament House briefing room—again, there is quite a significant increase from what was spent in 2014-15.

Ms McIntyre: Yes. These costs are obviously associated with how often the room is used. There is a full-time officer who supports that room—access to the room, setting up the facilities and the like. Overtime costs are a significant portion when it is—

Senator WONG: \$400,000?

Ms McIntyre: As well as the operating costs of the equipment and the like in the room. I would have to get a breakdown for you.

Senator WONG: Could you get a breakdown of the actuals for 2014-15 and tell me what was budgeted for that year, and also a breakdown of what you are budgeting over the forwards?

Ms McIntyre: I can do that on notice, yes.

Senator WONG: Thank you. I appreciate that. Can you give me the 2013-14 figures as well?

Ms McIntyre: Yes.

**Answer:**

**Actual Expenditure**

	2015/16					
2013/14	2014/15	PAES	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	
Actual	Actual	Budget	PAES	PAES	PAES	
(\$'000)	(\$'000)	(\$'000)	(\$'000)	(\$'000)	(\$'000)	
Employee Costs	128	155	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Supplier Costs	286	253	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	<b>414</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>456</b>

\* Figures above include depreciation

The increase to the budget in the forward years is in line with CPI increases.