

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Budget Estimates 26 May-6 June 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** Official Residences

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Ludwig

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**Question:**

1) Provide a list of all formal functions conducted at any of the Official Residences, or for the Prime Minister's Office or Prime Minister's Dining Room where it has been used in place of the official residences since Additional Estimates in February, 2014.

Include:

- a. The guest list of each function, including if any ministerial staff attended
- b. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function
- c. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function
- d. A list of drinks consumed at the function

2) Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order at any of the official residences, or venues or offices acting as official residences.

**Answer:**

- 1) Since February 2014 there have been two official functions held in the Prime Minister's Dining Room where it has been used in place of The Lodge: (i) the Prime Minister's Reception on the Occasion of the Council of Australian Government Meeting and (ii) the Prime Minister's Dinner on the Occasion of the Council of Australian Government Meeting.
  - a) See answer to PM 220
  - b) The Prime Minister initiated both functions.
  - c) See Attachment A for the Order of Arrangements for both functions.
  - d) See answer to PM 220.
- 2) See answer to PM 236 and PM 237.



## ATTACHMENT A

### **PRIME MINISTER'S RECEPTION and PRIME MINISTER'S DINNER ON THE OCCASION OF THE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENTS MEETING**

### **PRIME MINISTER'S SITTING ROOM and PRIME MINISTER'S DINING ROOM PARLIAMENT HOUSE, CANBERRA**

**THURSDAY 1 MAY 2014**

**6.30 PM - 7.15 PM and**

**7.30 PM – 9.00 PM**

### **ORDER OF ARRANGEMENTS**

**DRESS:** Lounge Suit  
Day Wear

#### **IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S SUITE**

- 6.00 pm *Acting Ceremonial Coordinator, Ceremonial and Hospitality Branch, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and Ceremonial Officers, are on hand*
- 6.30 pm The Honourable Tony Abbott MP, *Prime Minister of Australia*, is at the entrance of the Prime Minister's Suite to greet guests
- Guests arrive, are greeted by the Prime Minister, and are shown to the Prime Minister's Sitting Room by a Ceremonial Officer
- Refreshments are served
- 7.15 pm At the conclusion of the Reception, the Senior Officials proceed to the Ministerial Entrance
- The Prime Minister, Premiers, Chief Minister's and the President of ALGA proceed to the Prime Minister's Dining Room
- 7.30 pm Dinner commences
- 9.00 pm Dinner concludes
- Guests depart

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