

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates 26 May-6 June 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator Dean Smith

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Question:

Senator SMITH: Can someone help me with questions about functions held at The Lodge and Kirribilli House between 1 January 2013 and September 2013. Can someone help me with regards to those?

Ms Kelly: The historical information, I am afraid, Senator, we do not have available to us here.

Senator SMITH: But you have it available elsewhere?

Ms Kelly: We would be able to obtain it.

Senator SMITH: On notice I would be interested in the list of all the functions that were held at both Kirribilli House and the Lodge from 1 January 2013 to 6 August 2013, the beginning of the caretaker period, and if available, details about food, beverages and any of those related expenditure.

Ms Kelly: We will take it on notice and provide what we are able to provide.

Answer:

The Department does not hold any information about private functions held at Kirribilli House or The Lodge.

The official functions held in the period 1 January 2013 to 6 August 2013 are listed below. Total costs include food, beverages, and as applicable, flowers, entertainment, hire charges, photography and labour costs.

All costs are GST exclusive.

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- A. Tuesday 1 January 2013
Prime Minister's Afternoon Tea for the Australian and Sri Lankan Cricket Teams
Kirribilli House, Sydney
\$13,055

- B. Wednesday 16 January 2013
Dinner on the Occasion of the Australian-United Kingdom Ministerial Consultations
Kirribilli House, Sydney
\$1,250

- C. Friday 25 January 2013
Morning Tea in honour of the National Finalists for the Australian of the Year Awards 2013
The Lodge, Canberra
\$11,003

- D. Saturday 26 January 2013
Reception to Celebrate Australia Day 2013
The Lodge, Canberra
\$26,009

- E. Monday 28 January 2013
Reception on the occasion of the Prime Minister's XI versus West Indies Cricket Match
The Lodge, Canberra
\$19,423

- F. Sunday 10 February 2013
Reception for members of the Chinese Community on the occasion of Chinese New Year
Kirribilli House, Sydney
\$4,983

- G. Thursday 18 April 2013
Dinner for Premiers, Chief Ministers and the President of ALGA
The Lodge, Canberra
\$1199

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- H. Friday 3 May 2013
Luncheon in honour of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah
Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei
Darussalam
The Lodge, Canberra
\$1,227

- I. Tuesday 11 July 2013
Afternoon Tea with members of the Diplomatic Corps
The Lodge, Canberra
\$2,928

- J. Monday 5 August 2013
Morning Tea on the occasion of the Ceremonial Planting of a Cedar of
Lebanon in the Gardens of The Lodge
The Lodge, Canberra
\$782