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Question:

Senator WONG: Can you tell me expenditure to date on food and wine, just on this line item?

Ms Kelly: I can give you expenditure to date in relation to that line item, but it is not separately broken down into food and—

Senator WONG: I am going to ask Ms McIntyre that question. Do you separately break it down, for departmental purposes, for food and wine?

Ms McIntyre: We do track it against a separate line item. Ms Kelly I think has the spend to date.

Ms Kelly: I have the total spend to date.

Ms McIntyre: Not against the food—

Ms Kelly: We can get that. We only have a summary at the table.

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Ms Cross: As I recall, when the question was asked you were specifically asking for a breakdown between the Lodge and Kirribilli. We do not have that information here for the breakdown that Ms Kelly is referring to. So Ms Kelly correctly indicated she could not give you the breakdown of those figures by the Lodge and Kirribilli and we took that question on notice, which is what we will do again now because we do not have that information to hand.

Senator WONG: Ms McIntyre, how hard is it to interrogate your system to provide that data?

Ms McIntyre: I would have to go back to the team and ask that question. Certainly, it can be provided; I am not sure of the time frame.

Answer:

See response to PM 42.