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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Senator WONG: Are CERHOS in departmental appropriation? Is that where their costs would be?

Ms McIntyre: In terms of the actual staff, yes, the CERHOS staff are in the departmental—

Senator WONG: And any expenditure—functions, wine and so forth—where would that be?

Ms McIntyre: Again, it depends on what the function is in relation to. If it was an official hospitality function for G20, for instance, it may come out of their budget. So it will depend on the specific example.

Senator WONG: But if it is not attributable to another portfolio, where in PM&C would actual expenses for a CERHOS function be coming out of?

Ms McIntyre: In terms of the food and wine?

Senator WONG: Yes.

Ms McIntyre: I do not know the exact answer, so I will check that for you.

Answer:

The cost of Ceremonial and Hospitality (CerHos) functions comes out of the State Occasions and Official Visits appropriation – Portfolio Budget Statements 2014-15, Budget Related Paper No. 1.14, Prime Minister and Cabinet, p. 31.