

**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:** Office of the Prime Minister expenditure

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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**Question:**

Senator WONG: Then can you tell me the apple, shall we call it—total expenditure in relation to the Office of the Prime Minister from 28 February 2014—the next set of expenditure post this answer being given?

Ms Kelly: I do not have that figure in what is before me, but we can obtain that for you, and we will take it on notice.

Senator WONG: We are going to keep asking these questions, so do you think it would just be easier in future if you could come with the expenditure to date on these matters?

Ms Kelly: Is that year to date expenditure, or expenditure from the commencement of a particular Prime Minister?

Senator WONG: From the change of government, as per these questions. If Senator Bernardi wants to ask for year to date, that is a matter for him. But I think it is quite clear from my questions on notice what I am seeking. It would just be a lot more efficient.

Ms Kelly: We will take note of that.

**Answer:**

Further to the response to Additional Estimates 24-28 February 2014 PM 79, expenditure for the Prime Minister's Office for the period 1 March to 31 May 2014 is \$316,363 (GST-exclusive), of which \$11,882 is associated with the previous Prime Minister's Office.

There may, however be additional costs which were incurred during May 2014 pending the acquittal of credit card purchases.