

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 19-23 October 2015

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Outcome/Program: Outcome 1: Prime Minister and Cabinet
Topic: Taxpayer-funded purchases of alcohol for Mr Abbott

Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

What amount was expended by the department on alcohol purchases for former Prime Minister Mr Abbott under the “sustenance” component of his entitlement.

Answer:

As set out in the response to PM192 (Additional Estimates 2015) expenditure information on components of the Prime Minister’s Official Residences’ budget is not collected in a way that could differentiate between items related to the official duties of the Prime Minister or to ‘sustenance’ costs. It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to identify these costs.