

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates 24-28 February 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: Christmas party costs

Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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Question:

List what functions were held by the department/agency for either Christmas or end of calendar year since 7 September 2013.

1. What was the cost of each of these functions?
2. How was the money identified?
3. What was the location of these functions?
4. Provide a table of food and alcohol purchased for the function

Answer:

The PM&C departmental Christmas Party was held on Wednesday 18 December 2013 at the Old Bus Depot in Kingston at a cost of \$54,503. Approximately 750 PM&C officials attended the event. The party was organised by the PM&C Social Club. A two-course buffet lunch and refreshments were served.

The PM&C Children's Christmas Party was held on Sunday 1 December 2013 at the Senate Gardens at Old Parliament House at a cost of \$2,736. The party was organised by the PM&C Social Club for children of PM&C staff. Lollies, potato chips and fruit juice were served.

The Secretary's End of Year Reception was held on 17 December 2013 at the Andrew Fisher building in Barton. The Reception was organised by the Secretary's Office for other departmental secretaries, agency heads, members of the diplomatic community and the PM&C Executive. Canapés and drinks were served. Catering for the event cost \$1706.