

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates 24-28 February 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Expenditure on Office of the Prime Minister

Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Why did the Department not answer the question about the allocated budget for the operation of the Office of the Prime Minister for the remainder of 2013-14 asked at the Supplementary Budget Estimates round?

What is the allocated budget for the operation of the Office of the Prime Minister for the remainder of 2013-14?

What amount has been expended in association with the operation of the Office of the Prime Minister since 18 September 2013?

Answer:

Internal budget allocations within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet are a matter for the Secretary and may change from time to time (see response PM67 Supplementary Budget Estimates 18-22 November 2013).

Total expenditure in relation to the Office of the Prime Minister from 1 September 2013 to 28 February 2014 is \$849,518. This includes actual and accrued expenses of \$282,183 from the office of the then Prime Minister, the Hon Kevin Rudd, and accrued expenditure of \$10,824 from the office of the former Prime Minister, the Hon Julia Gillard.

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Supplementary Budget Estimates 18-22 November 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: PMO budget

Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

What is the allocated budget for the operation of the Office of the Prime Minister for the remainder of 2013-14?

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is allocated departmental funds for the operation of the Department, including the Ministerial offices within the portfolio. Allocation of the departmental funding and internal budgets is a matter for the Secretary and may change from time to time.