

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian Public Service Commission

Outcome/Program: Cross Portfolio

Topic: Official residences

Senator: Ludwig

Question reference number: 196

Type of question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 11 April 2014

Number of pages: 1

Question:

1. Provide a list of all formal functions conducted at any of the Official Residences, or for the Prime Minister's office or Prime Minister's Dining Room where it has been used in place of the official residences. Include:
 - a. The guest list of each function, including if any ministerial staff attended
 - b. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function
 - c. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function
 - d. A list of drinks consumed at the function
2. Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order at any of the official residences, or venues or offices acting as official residences.

Answer:

1. No formal functions have been conducted domestically by or on behalf of the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) at any of the Official Residences, or the Prime Minister's office or Prime Minister's Dining Room where it is has been used in place of the official residences.

The APSC conducted an overseas study program, Leading Australia's Future in Asia, for public servants in Asia during November 2013. Participants on the study program attended a function at the official residence in Bangkok. The APSC made a contribution to the cost of the function. Specific details of the function (guest lists, proceedings and drinks consumed) are not held by the APSC.

2. The APSC holds no stock of alcoholic beverages at any of the official residences, or venues or offices acting as official residences. No alcohol is on order.