

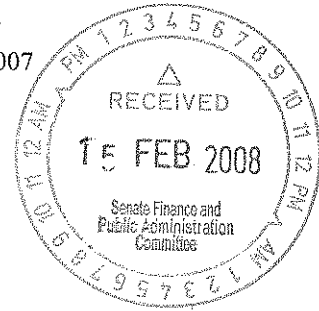
**Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

Budget Estimates Hearings 2007-2008, 21-22 May 2007



**Question: PM 67**

**Outcome 1, Output 4.5**

**Topic: Wine Consultant**

**Hansard: F&PA 80**

**Senator Faulkner asked:**

This seems to indicate a pattern—that there has been a little more imbibing going on in the current financial year, because the figures to 30 April were significantly higher than the consumption for the three previous full financial years. Is that right?

Ms Hazell—That is correct.

Senator FAULKNER—What is going on there, do you think, in the official establishment? There might be a reason for it. You might be able to explain that massive increase.

Ms Hazell—I expect trying to explain it at this stage would be speculation. I would need to take that on notice and check some facts.

**Answer:**

Expenditure on wine at the official establishments for the period 2003/04 to 30 April 2007 is provided below:

<b>2003/04</b>	<b>2004/05</b>	<b>2005/06</b>	<b>2006/07 (to 30 April 2007)</b>
\$ 27,196	\$ 26,779	\$ 25,260	\$ 26,282

At the senate estimates hearing on 22 May 2007, the department provided the figure of \$30,172 as the amount spent on alcohol at the residences from 1 July 2006 to 30 April 2007. This figure was incorrect due to an administrative error. The updated figure is provided above.