

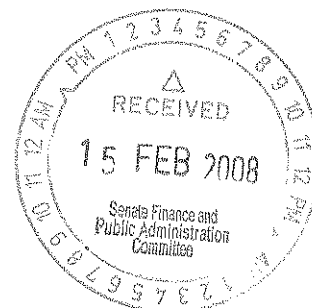
# Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

## 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 89**

**Outcome 1, Output 4.5**

**Topic: Capital works and entertainment**

**Direct on Notice:**

**Senator Evans asked:**

### *Prime Minister's Official Residences and Entertainment*

1. Please refer to question PM 73 from the Additional Estimates Hearings, February 2007 and provide an updated response to that question, with an itemised breakdown of all capital works, maintenance, acquisitions and contracted services at The Lodge and Kirribilli House since 31 January 2007.

**Answer:**

The following table provides an itemised breakdown of capital works, maintenance, acquisitions and contracted services at the official residences from 1 February 2007 to 30 April 2007.

ITEM	COST (\$)
<b>Both Residences</b>	
Contracted professional services – develop Heritage Strategy	4,976.25
<b>The Lodge</b>	
Contracted grounds and gardens maintenance	36,133.66
Contracted fire and security maintenance	4,095.61
Contracted storage services	2,032.25
Contracted waste management services	1,588.94
Contracted pool maintenance	2,138.49
Contracted air conditioning maintenance and grease filter services	589.00
Tree surgery following storm damage, including removal of trees	9,690.91
Consultant Heritage Architect fees	3,878.86
Installation of new dishwasher and removal of old one	743.75
Cleaning of windows, carpets and vinyl floors	4,380.00
Repair water leaks	850.00
Repair to guard box roof	250.00
Electrical repairs	105.00
Repairs to guard box toilet	215.00
Dishwasher repairs	227.50
Inspection of gas lines	1,450.00
Clean gutters of residence and carport	527.27

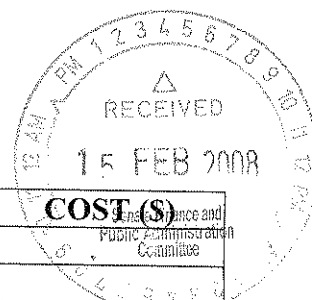
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<b>ITEM</b>	<b>COST (\$)</b>
<b>Kirribilli House</b>	
Contracted grounds and gardens maintenance	25,041.81
Contracted fire and security maintenance	1,735.34
Contracted rubbish removal and waste management services	3,616.09
Contracted external cleaning and maintenance	1,543.00
Plants and garden supplies	6,214.45
Supply and installation of water tanks	3,531.00
Supply and installation of blinds to entry toilet	1,140.00
Plumbing repairs	920.00
Repairs to veranda posts and French doors	1,034.00
Contracted air conditioning maintenance and grease filter services	245.00
Repair of chair	250.00
Pest control services	1,402.27

**2. Please provide a breakdown of all entertainment costs paid for with public funds (including date, nature and purpose of event, and an itemised breakdown of goods and services purchased for the event, as well as total costs to the taxpayer) for all events of an official nature at The Lodge and Kirribilli House since 1 November 2006.**

The practice of the Howard Government and previous governments was not to release the costs for individual functions held at The Lodge and Kirribilli House.