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 90

Outcome 1, Output 4.5

Topic: Water use at Kirribilli House

Direct on Notice:

Senator Evans asked:

In relation to Kirribilli

Please refer to question PM 74 from the Additional Estimates Hearings, February 2007 and provide an updated response to part (a) of that question.

Answer:

a. What was the total amount of water used at this residence in 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 (to date)?

2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (to 05/04/07)
1,948 kls	2,882 kls	1,739 kls

Evidence given at Senate Estimates on 22 May 2007 included information on water usage of 6,414 kls at Kirribilli House in 2005-06. This information, and the explanation that it was possibly caused by a leak, was provided based on discussions with, and figures provided by, Sydney Water in March 2007. Subsequent checking of accounts processed by the department show that the information provided previously was incorrect. The above table reflects actual usage and is the usage for which accounts were paid.

