

**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**

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**Question: PM37**

**Outcome 1, Output 5.5**

**Topic: Cost of room at the Willard**

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**Senator Ronaldson asked: Senator RONALDSON-Mr Leverett, what was the cost of the room at the Willard? I assume the cancellation fee was not the full amount of the room fee. So what was the room fee a night?**

**Mr Leverett-I would have to take that on notice.**

**Answer:** The suite for the Prime Minister was USD1700 per night plus 14.5% tax. The hotel charged one night's accommodation as the cancellation fee. The Department advised the Committee that the decision resulted in an overall saving on the costs of the stay.