

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
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**Question No. 85**

**Senator Evans asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2005:**

Please provide details of the estimated costs of security arrangements at the official residences for the current financial year.

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

Guarding levels at the official residences are coordinated by the Protective Security Coordination Centre, which has responsibility for the protection arrangements for holders of high office, including the Prime Minister and Governor-General.

The estimated cost for ongoing security at the official residences (the Lodge, Government House, Kirribilli House and Admiralty house) for the current financial year is \$7,467,754. Of that \$300,955 was for physical security measures and \$7,166,799 was for guarding.

Similar levels of protection have been provided to Prime Ministers and Governors-General for many years.