Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Outcome/Program: Outcome 1: Prime Minister and Cabinet
Topic: Gifts

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Question:

1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of all gifts purchased for use by departmental officials in calendar year 2016?
2. Can an itemised list of gifts and costs thereof (GST inclusive) please be provided?
3. Who was the recipient of each gift?
4. For what purpose was each gift given?
5. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of all gifts purchased for use by Ministers in the portfolio in calendar year 2016?
6. Can an itemised list of gifts and costs thereof (GST inclusive) please be provided
7. Which Minister gave each gift?
8. Who was the recipient of each gift?
9. For what purpose was each gift given?

Answer:

1. $163.83 (GST inclusive)

2-4.

Gift	Cost (GST inc)	Recipient	Purpose
Chocolates	$38.16	Presenter	Speaking at the Diversity Showcase
Chocolates	$25.00	Speakers	Speaking at PM&C Women's Network event
Wine	$27.98	Speaker	Speaking at PM&C Women's Network event
Wine and Chocolates	$72.69	Speakers	Speaking at PM&C Women's Network event

5 and 9.	The gifts were purchased to present to foreign officials either during their visits to Australia or as part of protocol exchanges during overseas visits by portfolio ministers. The total cost of the items was $20,271 (wholesale cost GST exclusive) not including costs such as wrapping, packing and preparation. This expenditure is in line with longstanding practice.

6-8.	The information requested is not stored in a fashion that can be easily collated. To manually manipulate and collate this information would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.