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Question:

CHAIR: Is it the case that any other former Prime Ministers have entertained official visitors, perhaps foreign dignitaries, at their personal homes rather than Kirribilli or The Lodge?

Ms E Kelly: That is my understanding.

CHAIR: What other instances are you familiar with?

Ms E Kelly: It was before my time in this role, but I understand there were instances in relation to former Prime Minister Rudd.

CHAIR: Right. So he hosted foreign visitors at his personal home in Brisbane. Is that your knowledge?

Ms E Kelly: I do not have personal knowledge of that.

Senator Brandis: I can recall press reports to that effect.

Senator SMITH: The Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea.

CHAIR: Maybe, Ms Kelly, you could take on notice any records you have about any costs incurred in hosting those foreign visitors.

Ms E Kelly: Yes.

Answer:

On 9 December 2007, The Honourable Kevin Rudd MP hosted a working lunch in honour of the Right Honourable Helen Clarke MP, *Prime Minister of New Zealand*. The food, beverages, labour costs and Departmental staff air fares and taxis cost \$1,573.15 (GST excl.)