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Senator: Wong, Penny

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Question:

- 1) Senator McALLISTER: Since 15 September 2015, what costs have taxpayers incurred in relation to the maintenance of and provision of services to the Prime Minister's two official establishments?

Ms E Kelly: Are you asking for the total cost of operating the Lodge and Kirribilli since September 2015?

Senator McALLISTER: Correct.

Ms E Kelly: That is total running costs, including functions and maintenance of the residences?

Senator McALLISTER: If you have at hand a number that is a subset of that, I would welcome it. I would really welcome any number you are able to provide, as long as it is qualified appropriately.

Ms E Kelly: We will take that on notice and see what we are able to provide.

Senator McALLISTER: It is essentially the same question as a question on notice that was lodged on 10 February. There has been some notice of our interest in this issue.

Senator Brandis: As Ms Kelly has said, we will take that on notice. You want to know the aggregate of all the running costs of Kirribilli House and the Lodge since, presumably—

Senator McALLISTER: The date that Mr Turnbull assumed office; correct.

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Senator Brandis: We will give you the figures from the date that it was handed over, as it were, by those who were in charge of renovating it, and, in relation to Kirribilli House, from the day on which Mr Turnbull was commissioned by the Governor-General.

- 2) Senator WONG: In addition—I suppose one might be a subset of the other—what I would like to know is funding to date in relation to the Turnbull prime ministership for, (2.1) PM&C support for PMO—that is, all bills associated with the operation of PMO, including provision of petty cash, payment of IHG bills, vocated functions and so forth, and (2.2) what the sustenance expenditure to date is—that is, the funding of meals and drinks at the Lodge and Kirribilli under the Prime Minister's entitlement to accommodation and sustenance as determined by the Remuneration Tribunal. Is there a component of sustenance now available for Point Piper?

Ms Ganly: No.

Senator WONG: No—and then (2.3) CERHOS functions; separately disaggregated CERHOS functions for any official functions held at the Lodge, Kirribilli or Point Piper. Thank you.

Answer:

- 1) The total amount paid by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) for Kirribilli House (from 1 October 2015) and The Lodge (from 1 December 2015) to 31 January 2017, including functions (but excluding CERHOS functions) and maintenance of the residences is \$2,049,974 (GST excl.).

The total amount paid by the Department of Finance from 15 September 2015 to 31 January 2017 in relation to the maintenance of, and provision of services to, the Prime Minister's two Official Establishments is \$589,404 (GST excl.).

The above expenses are in line with expenditure for similar periods in the past.

- 2.1) The total cost of support for the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), that is, all bills associated with the operation of the PMO, paid by PM&C from 1 October 2015 to 31 January 2017 is \$713,721 (GST excl.). This does not include costs related to Departmental Liaison Officers.

The above expense is in line with expenditure for similar periods in the past.

- 2.2) The total cost of sustenance under the Prime Minister's entitlement to accommodation and sustenance from 1 October 2015 to 31 January 2017 is \$141,273 (GST excl.).

The above expense is in line with expenditure for similar periods in the past.

- 2.3) CERHOS functions held at The Lodge, Kirribilli House and Point Piper from 15 September 2015 are listed below.

Date	Function	Location	Cost (GST ex)
8 December 2015	Prime Minister's Christmas Reception, Sydney	Kirribilli House, Sydney	\$17,497.94
10 December 2015	Dinner for First Ministers and the President of ALGA on the occasion of the Council of Australian Governments Meeting	Kirribilli House, Sydney	\$943.11
1 January 2016	Afternoon Tea for the Australian and West Indies Test Cricket Teams	Kirribilli House, Sydney	\$13,136.48
25 January 2016	Morning Tea in honour of the National Finalists for the Australian of the Year Awards 2016	The Lodge, Canberra	\$12,712.81
26 January 2016	Reception to celebrate Australia Day 2016	The Lodge, Canberra	\$25,225.83
7 February 2016	Afternoon Tea to welcome Senators, Members and their partners and children to the 2016 Parliamentary year	The Lodge, Canberra	\$16,205.58
31 March 2016	Dinner for First Ministers and the President of ALGA on the occasion of the Council of Australian Governments Meeting	The Lodge, Canberra	\$1,305.02
12 October 2016	Dinner in honour of His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore, and Mrs Lee	The Lodge, Canberra	\$865.05
23 November 2016	Dinner in honour of Their Majesties King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein and Queen Rania Al Abdullah of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan	The Lodge, Canberra	\$2,749.00
27 November 2016	Prime Minister's Christmas Reception	The Lodge, Canberra	\$22,365.30
1 January 2017	Afternoon Tea for the Australian and Pakistani Test Cricket Teams	Kirribilli House, Sydney	\$12,517.26
14 January 2017	Reception in honour of His Excellency Mr Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, and Mrs Akie Abe	Kirribilli House, Sydney	\$13,319.37
14 January 2017	Dinner in honour of His Excellency Mr Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, and Mrs Akie Abe	Point Piper, Sydney	\$1,427.29
21 January 2017	Prime Minister's Summer Reception	Kirribilli House, Sydney	\$18,088.44
25 January 2017	Morning Tea in honour of the finalists for the Australian of the Year 2017	The Lodge, Canberra	\$16,017.19
26 January 2017	Reception to celebrate Australia Day 2017	The Lodge, Canberra	\$27,332.42

Date	Function	Location	Cost (GST ex)
25 February 2017	Dinner in honour of His Excellency Mr Joko Widodo, President of the Republic of Indonesia, and Her Excellency Mrs Hj Iriana Joko Widodo	Point Piper, Sydney	\$1,306.20