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**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Senator:** Senator Katy Gallagher

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**Question:**

Senator GALLAGHER: The follow-up question, which I presume, based on your last answer you do not have and will take on notice, is the cost of both of those receptions, on 1 December and on 5 December, and also whether there was any double dipping or double attendance at those functions in Canberra and Sydney?

Ms Kelly: Just on the information provided—

Senator GALLAGHER: Two Christmas parties for the price of one!

Ms Kelly: On the information that is provided in response to question on notice 191, there are certainly some common categories, so we will take on notice whether they were particular individuals.

**Answer:**

The cost of the Christmas reception on 1 December 2014 for members of the diplomatic corps, parliamentary colleagues, business leaders, industry representatives and senior Commonwealth public servants was \$23,202.27 (GST exclusive).

The cost of the Christmas reception on 5 December 2014 for some parliamentary colleagues, business and industry representatives and the media was \$20,981.10 (GST exclusive).

20 guests attended both functions, including the Presiding Officers and partners, some members of the Ministry, the Chief Whip and a small number of representatives of the business, political and sporting sectors.