

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 20-24 October 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Outcome/Program: Outcome 1: Prime Minister and Cabinet
Topic: Malcolm Turnbull's 60th Celebration

Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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Question:

I refer you to media reports that suggest the Prime Minister hosted a celebration for the Communication Minister's 60th birthday. One such report is located here:

<http://www.smh.com.au/comment/malcolm-turnbulls-star-rises-as-tony-abbott-revels-in-ministers-jockeying-20141024-11bd8z.html>

1. Can you confirm that the party occurred? If yes:
2. What date and time did the party occur?
3. Where was the party hosted?
4. How was the party paid for?
5. How much did it cost? Please break the cost down by items purchased and cost of catering etc. Please provide copies of any receipts / invoices.
6. Who was invited to attend?
7. How were people selected for invitation?
8. Who instigated the planning for the party?
9. Who was involved in planning the party?
10. Please provide a copy of any communication between the Prime Minister's office, the Communication Minister's office and the department regarding the party.

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) only has information related to official events organised by the Ceremonial and Hospitality Branch (CerHos) in PM&C. This event was not arranged by CerHos.