

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General**

Additional Estimates Hearings 2002-2003, 10-11 February 2003

**Question: PM 1**

**Outcome 1, Output 1.1**

**Topic: Admiralty House**

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**Senator Ray asked:** “Can you tell me the cost of sustaining the operations of Admiralty House” .... “For the period where there were 48 nights spent, I would like those figures. You might further assist me – although I am capable of doing it – by dividing the figure by 48 ....”

**Answer:** The cost of sustaining Admiralty House in 2001-2002 is estimated at \$554,000. The estimate includes total remuneration for staff, building and property maintenance costs, utility expenses, insurance, depreciation and consumables. The estimate does not include a proportion of the capital use charge because of the complexity of making this calculation based on the relative movement in asset values at Admiralty House viz elsewhere. It should be noted that the maintaining of nationally significant heritage property often incurs higher than normal costs.

This cost divided by 48 is \$11,541.67.

**Question: PM 2**

**Outcome 1, Output 1.1**

**Topic: Furniture and furnishing in the Lakeside Suite**

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**Senator Jacinta Collins asked:** “Mr Bonsey, all of those costs you went through are related to fabric. Where is the cost of what was done with the fabric?”

**Answer:** The cost of applying the fabric to the furniture is included in the cost of the item of furniture.