

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

Additional Estimates Hearings 2003-2004, 16 February 2004

**Question: PM 36 & 37**

**Outcome 1, Output 4.4**

**Topic: New Year's Eve dinner and Christmas cocktail party at Kirribilli House**

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**Senator Faulkner asked: How many guests were there? Who issued the invitations to this? What role did the department have in this function? What costs were borne by the Commonwealth for this cocktail party?**

**Answer:**

There were 20 guests at the New Year's Eve dinner and 230 guests at the Christmas cocktail party at Kirribilli House. Invitations to both functions were issued by the Prime Minister's Office. The department's role was limited to the co-ordination of staffing arrangements and equipment hire, in consultation with the house staff, and payment of relevant accounts. Total costs were \$3,843 for the dinner and \$6,230 for the cocktail party (both figures GST inclusive).