

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 2005-2006, 13 February 2006

Question: PM 65

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Topic: The Lodge and Kirribilli House

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Senator Evans asked: (question is bolded)

1. In response to my question on notice from the supplementary Budget estimates round, it was indicated that \$30,051 was spent on "garden maintenance contract charges" at The Lodge between 1 July and 31 October 2005. Please indicate the name of the contractor(s) involved, a breakdown of services provided in the aforementioned period and the number of hours service provided in that period.

Answer 1:

Gardening services at The Lodge, including the period from 1 July 2005 to 31 October 2005, are provided by Trim Lawns Pty Ltd.

The services provided by Trim Lawns are:

- lawn and grass maintenance;
- garden, tree, orchard and shrub maintenance;
- rubbish, debris and litter removal;
- garden furniture maintenance reporting and cleaning;
- paved areas, car parks, courtyards, swimming pool and other designated area maintenance; and
- assistance to household staff.

Trim Lawns employs two full-time gardeners who each work a 40 hour week. The manager also works for between 10 and 15 hours a week on the gardens.

2. In response to my question on notice from the supplementary Budget estimates round, it was indicated that \$20,466 was spent on "garden maintenance contract charges" at Kirribilli House between 1 July and 31 October 2005. Please indicate the name of the contractor(s) involved, a breakdown of services provided in the aforementioned period and the number of hours service provided in that period.

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Answer 2:

Gardening services at Kirribilli House, including the period 1 July 2005 to 31 October 2005, are provided by VIP Home Services.

The services provided by VIP Home Services are:

- lawn and grass maintenance;
- garden, tree and shrub maintenance;
- rubbish, debris and litter removal;
- garden furniture maintenance reporting and cleaning;
- paved areas, courtyards and other designated maintenance; and
- assistance to household staff.

VIP Home Services provide one full-time gardener who works a 40 hour week.

3. Please provide a breakdown of all costs for garden work, building maintenance and repairs or any items purchased for The Lodge, Kirribilli House, Admiralty House or Yarralumla which have been incurred since the 31 October 2005, and have not been outlined in response to previous estimates questions.

Answer 3:

Expenditure from 31 October 2002 to 28 February 2006:

THE LODGE	
Garden works	
Garden maintenance – Trim Lawns	31,087.38
Plants and garden supplies	1,303.14
Pest control	535.00
Total	32,925.52
Building maintenance	
Electrical repairs	567.13
Plumbing maintenance	461.00
Total	1,028.13
Purchases	
Sofa table	399.00
Shredder	125.00
Total	524.00

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KIRRIBILLI HOUSE	
Garden works	
Garden maintenance – VIP Home services	22,133.93
Garden maintenance – other	2,200.00
Plants and garden supplies	5,433.06
Total	20,013.06
Building maintenance	
Plumbing maintenance	950.00
Total	950.00
Purchases	
DVD/VCR player	218.18
Television	1,245.00
Total	1,463.18

The part of the Senator's question which refers to the Governor-General's residences has been referred to the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General for response.