

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Question: PM 71

Outcome 1, Output 4.5

Topic: Costs incurred by former Governors-General

Direct on Notice:

Senator Evans asked:

Please indicate the total costs of support incurred by Dr Peter Hollingworth since May 2006, broken down by:

- a) property operating expenses,
- b) staff,
- c) support, and
- d) travel.

Answer:

The costs incurred during the period 1 June 2006 to 31 January 2007 are as follows.

Item	Cost
Property Operating Expenses	\$ 66,388
Staff	\$ 52,482
Support	\$ 8,140
Travel (including vehicles)	\$ 14,949
Total	\$ 141,959

The expenditure reflects ongoing costs to support the operation of Dr Hollingworth's office. The support provided to Dr Hollingworth, as a former Governor-General, is consistent with that provided to all former Governors-General. The rent on Dr Hollingworth's office is higher than other Melbourne-based former Governors-General, as there is insufficient space in Dr Hollingworth's preferred location in the Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices in 4 Treasury Place.

Please refer to question PM 48 part 2 from the previous estimates round and provide an updated response to the part of that question which refers to expenses of former Governors-General.

Since 1 November 2006, none of the former Governors-General have incurred an individual expense over \$5,000.

