

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Additional Budget Estimates Hearings 2006-2007, 12-13 February 2007

Question: PM 73

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Topic: Costs at the Prime Minister's official residences

Direct on Notice:

Senator Evans asked:

Please refer to question PM 48 from the Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings 2006-07 and provide an updated response to that question, with an itemised breakdown of all capital works, maintenance, acquisitions and contracted services at The Lodge and Kirribilli House since 1 November 2006.

Answer:

The following table provides an itemised breakdown of capital works, maintenance, acquisitions and contracted services at the official residences of the Prime Minister from 1 November 2006 to 31 January 2007.

ITEM	COST (\$)
The Lodge	
Contracted grounds and gardens maintenance	31,770.02
Contracted fire and security maintenance	4,967.84
Contracted storage services	1,951.95
Contracted waste management services	2,560.74
Contracted pool maintenance	933.05
Contracted air conditioning maintenance and grease filter services	774.00
Tree surgery following storm damage, including removal of trees	25,422.73
Consultant Heritage Architect fees	14,824.09
Supply and install new dishwasher	5,893.75
Replacement plants following storm damage and garden supplies	4,624.96
Purchase canvas umbrellas	2,372.73
Repair two water leaks	1,270.00
Repair to coolroom	1,247.24
Repair dishwasher	470.00
Pest control services	90.00

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Kirribilli House	
Contracted grounds and gardens maintenance	22,741.81
Contracted fire and security maintenance	1,338.98
Contracted rubbish removal and waste management services	2,341.09
Contracted external cleaning and maintenance	1,543.64
Plants and garden supplies	7,216.26
Manufacture and installation of shade sail for staff courtyard	6,534.00
Replacement turf	5,613.64
Bathroom renovations	5,137.73
Pest control services	1,085.00
Purchase catering equipment	461.68
Maintenance of outdoor cane furniture	250.00

Please provide a breakdown of all entertainment costs paid for with public funds (including date, nature and purpose of event, and an itemised breakdown of goods and services purchased for the event, as well as total costs to the taxpayer) for all events of an official nature at The Lodge and Kirribilli House since 1 November 2006.

In keeping with past practice (including that of previous governments) the costs for individual functions held at The Lodge and Kirribilli House are not generally disclosed. The functions are held in accordance with entitlements and the Prime Minister personally meets the cost of any significant hospitality at the residences which is essentially of a private or family nature.