

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

2006-07 Budget Hearings

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

QUESTION: PM1

Senator Faulkner asked:

“... will you be able to provide that [breakdown of costs for the Turkey/Egypt visit] to the committee when it is available? ...”

“And you might also provide the costs of the visit, part 1 and part 2, of the outback visit as well ...”

Response:

The cost of the Governor-General’s visit to Turkey/Egypt is as follows: (a) travel \$93,230.95; (b) accommodation and meals \$52,190.86; (c) other expenses \$5,424.75. (Note that this does not include the cost of Australian Federal Police security.)

The cost to the Commonwealth of the outback visit, stages one and two, was \$114,836.70 for travel over 12 days for 8 people. (Note that this does not include the Australian Federal Police security costs or the 2 AFP security officers who participated in the visit.)

QUESTION: PM2

Senator Faulkner asked:

“... You might take on notice then any changes to the inventory [of artworks on loan to the Office] ... ‘changes’, of course, means additions and subtractions.

Response:

In response to question on notice PM5 at the 2005-06 Supplementary Budget hearings the Office provided a list of works of art on loan for the periods ending 30 June 2004 and 30 June 2005. The following list advises of changes to 30 June 2006 for artworks on loan using the baseline 30 June 2005, as that is the latest advice provided to the committee:

National Gallery of Australia
Items returned – pair of knife boxes

Australiana Fund
New items on loan –

- Sculpture: Medallion of W C Wentworth by T Woolner 1854
- Print: Founding of the Settlement Port Jackson at Botany Bay by Thomas Gosse 1799
- Soup Plate: c1820 Chinese export porcelain, belonged to Handbury Clements
- Wedgewood ‘Australian Flora’ blue transfer printed plates (3) and oval bowl
- Sunderland lustre jug c 1856 decorated with black transfer print depicting a clipper ship “the star of Tasmania”

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- Music stand cedar c1845 by FB Dale
- Small candelabra or Channukiah c1986 related to golden jubilee of the Australian Jewish Welfare League, memorabilia from Sir Ninian Stephen
- Book: 'Changi Days: The Prisoner as Poet' by Sir David Griffin
- Sideboard Australian Cedar c1835 wxed 19th Century patina
- Set of 3 hall chairs, blackwood c1840
- Tall pot "River Gum" 1990 by Milton Moon

Items returned – painting: "Kirribilli Point from Port Macquarie" by John Rider Roberts

QUESTION: PM44

Senator Ludwig asked:

(1) What sum did the department or agency spend during 2005-2006 on external legal services (including private firms, the Australian Government Solicitor and any others).

(2) What sum did the department or agency spend on internal legal services.

(3) What is the department or agency's projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-2007.

Response:

(1) \$40,527.50

(2) Nil

(3) \$35,000

QUESTION: PM52

Senator Ludwig asked:

The following questions relate to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services by the department/agency, broken down for each of the last four financial years.

Where available, please provide:

1. Total spending on these services.
2. The number of employees offered these services and their salary level.
3. The number of employees who have utilised these services and their salary level.
4. The names of all service providers engaged.
5. For each service purchased from a provider listed in the answer to the previous question, please provide:

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- a. The name and nature of the service purchased.
- b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based.
- c. The number of employees who received the service.
- d. The total number of hours involved for all employees.
- e. The total amount spent on the service.
- f. A description of the fees charged (e.g. per hour, complete package).
- g. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:
 - i. The location used
 - ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion
 - iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part.

Response:

The Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General did not purchase executive coaching and/or other leadership training services in the last four financial years.