

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Question: PM 76

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Topic: Energy usage

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Senator Faulkner asked:

What about energy use such as electricity?

Ms Hazell—I do not have with me figures on energy use at either residence. I would need to take that on notice.

Senator FAULKNER—What about gas?

Ms Hazell—I do not have figures on gas usage for either residence.

Senator FAULKNER—There are no other energy forms used, are there? There is only electricity and gas at the two residences, isn't there?

Ms Hazell—That is correct.

Senator FAULKNER—Could you take on notice figures in relation to electricity and gas use at the Lodge and Kirribilli House from July 2003 to the current date—or 30 April 2007?

Ms Hazell—Yes.

Senator FAULKNER—And provide them on notice for us?

Ms Hazell—Yes.

Senator FAULKNER—Thanks. Just in relation to energy use, I suppose there are two elements to this: cost as well as quantum. Is that okay: cost and quantum? I think they are two different things.

Ms Hazell—I can provide both.

Answer:

The following tables provide details of electricity and gas consumption at The Lodge.

Figures for electricity consumption are for the period 1 January 2004 to 30 April 2007. Records for the period July to December 2003 are not readily available.

| The Lodge – Electricity Consumption | | |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Period | KWH used | Consumption Charge |
| 01/01/04 to 30/06/04 | 111,740 | \$ 11,147.37 |
| 01/07/04 to 30/06/05 | 216,954 | \$ 21,365.52 |
| 01/09/05 to 30/06/06 | 193,004 | \$ 21,711.24 |
| 01/07/06 to 30/04/07 | 177,276 | \$ 21,528.55 |

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Figures for gas consumption are for the period 24 June 2003 to 21 March 2007. In 2005-06 a gas leak was identified and repaired at the residence.

| The Lodge – Gas Consumption | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Period | MJ used | Consumption Charge |
| 24/06/03 to 17/06/04 | 44,157 | \$1,598.66 |
| 18/06/04 to 02/06/05 | 25,513 | \$485.21 |
| 03/06/05 to 07/06/06 | 171,369 | \$2,273.23 |
| 08/06/06 to 06/06/07 | 33,152 | \$624.76 |

The following tables provide details of electricity and gas consumption at Kirribilli House. Figures for electricity consumption are for the period 25 October 2003 to 26 April 2007.

| Kirribilli House – Electricity Consumption | | |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Period | KWH used | Consumption Charge |
| 25/10/03 to 28/04/04 | 53,765 | \$6,137.45 |
| 29/04/04 to 26/04/05 | 113,805 | \$13,875.82 |
| 27/04/05 to 02/05/06 | 110,204 | \$12,160.13 |
| 03/05/06 to 26/04/07 | 105,823 | \$11,136.01 |

Figures for gas consumption are for the period 19 September 2003 to 15 March 2007.

| Kirribilli House – Gas Consumption | | |
|---|----------------|---------------------------|
| Period | MJ used | Consumption Charge |
| 19/09/03 to 16/09/04 | 391,666 | \$5470.07 |
| 17/09/04 to 16/09/05 | 210,451 | \$2967.52 |
| 17/09/05 to 14/09/06 | 241,331 | \$3693.56 |
| 15/09/6 to 15/03/07 | 97,186 | \$1553.63 |