

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

**Budget Estimates Hearing 25-29 May 2009**

**Question: PM74**

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**Topic: Australia Day functions**

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**Senator RONALDSON-I am going to ask you about that. How many Australia Day functions-the Australia Day tour, we might call it-did he have, where were they and what were the costs?**

**Mr Leverett-The Prime Minister attended a number of Australia Day functions, but only three were actually hosted by him: the Perth one we have just discussed, another event in Sydney and the usual Australia Day reception at the Lodge, in Canberra, on Australia Day.**

**Senator RONALDSON-What was the cost of the Sydney soiree?**

**Mr Leverett-I do not have that with me, but I can get it for you.**

**Senator RONALDSON-Were they as hungry and thirsty as they were in Perth, do you know?**

**Mr Leverett-There were certainly fewer people, so the cost will be less, but I do not know pro rata.**

**Senator RONALDSON-I do not think there is any guarantee of that, so let us take that on notice and find out. Just so we are clear: we are going to get the 9 April catering broken down, we are going to get the Perth one broken down, we are going to get the Sydney Australia Day soiree broken down and we will also get the details of the function at the Lodge. Is that correct?**

**Answer:**

The details of the four Australia Day-related functions hosted by the Prime Minister are as follows:

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| Name of Function | Reception<br>Celebrate Australia<br>Day      | Reception to<br>Celebrate<br>Australia<br>Day      | Morning Tea in<br>honour of the 2009<br>Australian of the<br>Year Awards<br>National Finalists                        | Reception<br>to<br>Celebrate<br>Australia<br>Day   |
| Venue            | Kirribilli House,<br>Sydney                  | Government<br>House<br>Ballroom,<br>Perth          | The Lodge,<br>Canberra  | The Lodge,<br>Canberra   |
| Date             | Monday 19<br>January                         | Saturday 24<br>January                             | Sunday 25 January   | Monday 26<br>January   |
| Time             | 6.30 pm-8.00 pm                              | 2.00 pm-3.30<br>pm                                 | 10.15 am-11.40 am   | 6.00 pm-<br>8.00 pm  |
| Guest List       | Wide cross-section<br>of community<br>groups | Wide cross-<br>section of<br>community –<br>groups | Australian of the<br>Year State<br>Finalists, Australia<br>Day Council<br>Board, Australia<br>Day Council<br>Sponsors | Diplomatic<br>corps, wide<br>cross-<br>section of<br>community<br>groups, and<br>Australia<br>Day<br>Council<br>Board<br>Members,<br>Australia<br>Day<br>Council<br>Sponsors |
| Nos. of Guests   | 110  | 287  | 54  | 271  |

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| Costs                               |  |  |                      |                                |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Venue hire                          | Not applicable   | \$473.00<br>(post-event<br>cleaning fee<br>and<br>technician<br>hire only) | Not applicable       | Not<br>applicable              |
| Marquee hire                        | \$10,973.66  | Not<br>applicable  | \$19,539.60 (shared) |                                |
| Equipment hire                      | \$373.56 (extra<br>fridge)                               | Not<br>applicable  |                      | \$550<br>(mobile<br>cool room) |
| Food                                | \$1450.80  | \$10,625.00  | \$750.00             | \$6,750.00                     |
| Beverage                            | \$1582.90  | \$2,558.36   | \$24.25              | \$1,541.12                     |
| Welcome to<br>Country fee           | Not applicable   | \$300.00   | Not applicable       | \$250                          |
| Musicians/National<br>Anthem Singer | Not applicable   | \$1000.00  | Not applicable       | \$800 +<br>\$370               |
| Audio                               | Included in<br>marquee hire<br>charge                    | \$791.00   | \$5,298.73           |                                |
| Floral<br>Arrangements              | Not applicable -<br>from the Kirribilli<br>House gardens | \$300.00 (two<br>at \$150.00<br>each)                                      | \$2,818.04           |                                |
| Hired Service Staff                 | \$920.53   | WA<br>Premier's<br>Department<br>staff assisted                            | \$718.20             | \$3,098.86                     |

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| Volunteers fee | Not applicable | Not applicable | Not applicable | SES<br>Volunteers<br>\$1500   |
| TOTAL          | \$15,301.45    | \$16,047.36    | \$1,492.45     | \$42,516.35<br><br>(Note: the three shared costs listed above are all included in this total) |