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Senator: Senator Smith

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Question:

Senator SMITH: I am keen to understand what the total estimated cost of the seven events which have been identified is. The \$5 million for the jubilee trust is common knowledge. The \$25,000 for the essay competition and the \$400,000 for the women's leadership scholarships are on the public record. But I am looking for a total estimated cost for all seven events.

Mr Leverett: The costs have not been finalised for all events, so I cannot give you a final figure. You have just outlined all the big ticket items. The figure you could add up there would give you close to the final figure. The stamp and the coin would not have a cost attributed to them, I do not think. The Royal Australian Mint and Australia Post issue these regularly each year, so there would be no additional cost. The one remaining item would be the renaming of the road in the Parliamentary Triangle. There will be a cost to that, but we are talking about only a few thousand for street signs and the like.

Answer: Full costs for each of the various initiatives announced by the Prime Minister have not yet been determined and/or acquitted. When all costs have been determined, they will be made publically available.