

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

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**Senator Faulkner asked: Did all the invitations go out at once or were there any later ones sent (for the informal luncheon at the Lodge for President Bush)?**

**Answer:** The Prime Minister's Office contacted all invitees by phone and entrée cards were handed out on the day. The department has no record of exactly when each guest was first contacted.

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**Senator Faulkner asked: For what period of time were the media able to be there (at the informal luncheon at the Lodge for President Bush)?**

**Answer:** A small pool of Australian and US media was invited to cover the arrival of President and Mrs Bush at the Lodge and also the presentation of a gift to the President during the luncheon. The media was present for approximately eight minutes in total, for the remainder of the function they were held in an area away from the guests.

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**Senator Faulkner asked: What is the dollar value of his consultancy? What is the hourly rate? [Mr Daniel Bolger]**

**Answer:** The dollar value of Mr Bolger's consultancy was \$15,771.25, including GST and the hourly rate was \$75.