

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 Hearings 2005-2006, 31 October 2005

Question: PM 41

Outcome 1, Output 4.5

Topic: Official functions at Kirribilli House

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Senator Faulkner asked:

[In relation to a question on notice asked in the February 2004 Additional Estimates Hearings] Why haven't I received an answer? Why has it told me that he is not intending to answer the question?

Answer:

The response provided to the question is consistent with past practice in that the costs of individual functions held at the Prime Minister's residences have not generally been disclosed. The functions are held in accordance with entitlements and the Prime Minister personally meets the cost of any significant hospitality at the residences which is essentially of a private or family nature.