

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings 2006-2007, 30 October 2006

**Question: PM 48**

**Outcome 1, Output 4.4**

**Topic: Costs at the Prime Minister's official residences and expenses for former Governors-General**

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**Senator Evans asked:**

1. **Please refer to question PM27 from the May 2006 Estimates round and provide an updated response to parts one (in relation to PM's residences only), two and three of that question.**

**Answer:**

1. The following table provides an itemised breakdown of capital works, maintenance, acquisitions and contracted services at the official residences of the Prime Minister from 1 June 2006 to 31 October 2006.

| <b>ITEM</b>  | <b>COST (\$)</b> |
|--|------------------|
| <b>Both Residences</b>   |                  |
| Contracted professional services – develop Heritage Strategy       | 1,017.00         |
| <b>The Lodge</b>   |                  |
| Contracted grounds and gardens maintenance                         | 40,729.96        |
| Contracted fire and security maintenance                           | 6,485.13         |
| Contracted storage services  | 2,613.60         |
| Contracted pool maintenance  | 1,671.28         |
| Contracted air conditioning maintenance and grease filter services | 1,123.00         |
| Contracted waste management services                               | 1,632.24         |
| Lawn restoration   | 8,418.18         |
| Purchase of table wear   | 2,218.18         |
| Plants and garden supplies   | 1,837.38         |
| Window cleaning  | 1,800.00         |
| Purchase bed linen   | 1,606.68         |
| Repair to air conditioning system                                  | 1,397.00         |
| Filter services  | 973.17           |
| Repair plumbing  | 957.00           |
| Repair and maintenance - combi oven                                | 711.75           |
| Repair to back gate  | 637.73           |

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| ITEM   | COST (\$) |
|--|-----------|
| Purchase of sewing machine for residence                 | 635.45    |
| Repair and maintenance – electrical                      | 618.24    |
| Pest control services                                    | 573.09    |
| Repair lighting circuit and lights                       | 474.55    |
| Repair and maintenance - lawnmower                       | 191.82    |
| Repair cupboards   | 145.00    |
| Purchase hall table                                      | 144.55    |
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| <b>Kirribilli House</b>                                  |           |
| Contracted grounds and gardens maintenance               | 31,115.77 |
| Contracted rubbish removal and waste management services | 4,138.18  |
| Contracted external cleaning and maintenance             | 3,160.01  |
| Contracted fire and security maintenance                 | 1,506.78  |
| Bathroom renovations                                     | 30,285.45 |
| Plants and garden supplies                               | 5,089.28  |
| Pest control services                                    | 3,263.64  |
| Equipment hire charges                                   | 687.38    |
| Maintenance of dishwasher                                | 170.00    |
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**2. Please provide detail of any expenses over \$5000, paid for with public funds, incurred in facilities provided by the Commonwealth to former Governors-General since 1 June 2006. Please indicate the nature of the expense, the cost and relevant former Governor-General.**

Since 1 June 2006, none of the former Governors-General have incurred an individual expense over \$5,000.

**Please provide a breakdown of all entertainment costs (stating the date, nature and purpose of the event, and cost of goods and services, broken down by type) paid for with public funds at the official residences of the Prime Minister since 1 June 2006.**

In keeping with past practice (including that of previous governments) the costs for individual functions held at The Lodge and Kirribilli House are not generally 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.