

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: Prime Minister's official residences - carbon emissions

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Senator Ronaldson asked: Please provide the committee with a calculation of the carbon emissions from both The Lodge and Kirribilli House so far this calendar year. Please breakdown the costs by residence.

Answer: The carbon footprint for the residences for the period January to September 2008 has been estimated utilising the methodology set out in the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Calculator on the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) website (www.environment.gov.au/settlements/gwci/calculator.html). Based on household energy usage the estimate of total carbon emissions from operations of the households is 272 tonnes broken down as follows:

The Lodge: 221 tonnes of emissions*

Kirribilli House: 51 tonnes of emissions.**

It is not possible to further breakdown the estimate of carbon emissions associated with the household operations of The Lodge and Kirribilli House as electricity and natural gas charges includes charges associated with security. These costs would be significantly higher at The Lodge than at Kirribilli House.

Transport and household waste figures are not included in these calculations.

*Figures are to 30 September and based on actual consumption of 199,109 kwh of electricity, 243,349 Mj of gas and 1 tonne of wood.

** Figures are to 30 September and based on actual consumption of 41,211 kwh of electricity and 145,114 Mj of gas.