

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 92**

**Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked the following question at the hearing on 20 October 2008:**

- a) Is the AFP aware of an article by Mr Mark Metherell in the Sydney Morning Herald on 8 July 2008 reporting that Mr Rudd refused a FOI bid for details of his New Year's Eve party at Kirribilli House?
- b) When did the AFP first become aware of the proposed New Year's Eve party at Kirribilli and who made the AFP aware of the same?
- c) When was the AFP first consulted about security arrangements for the New Year's Eve party at Kirribilli?
- d) From the time when the AFP first became aware of the New Year's Eve party at Kirribilli, please provide details of all consultations pertaining to security arrangements including the date of the same and the number of AFP personnel involved in such consultations.
- e) What measures were put in place for the checking of invitees at the New Year's Eve function at Kirribilli?
- f) Is the AFP aware of the number of guests invited to the New Year's Eve function at Kirribilli? If so, please provide details of the same.
- g) Was the AFP provided with a guest list of those attending the New Year's Eve function at Kirribilli? If so, please provide a copy of the same, including an indication of those you actually attended the function.
- h) In relation to the New Years Eve function, what were the security costs for the party? Please provide details including the number of security personnel required for the function and the hours which each was required to be present at the function.
- i) How many extra security personnel were required for the function at Kirribilli on New Years Eve?
- j) Until what time was the security personnel required on 1 January 2008?
- k) Were additional costs incurred for additional security personnel? If so, please provide details of such additional costs, including a full breakdown for each additional security personnel.
- l) Does the AFP have to meet this additional cost from its own budget? If not, is there some reimbursement of such additional cost?
- m) If the AFP does not have to meet the additional cost of security personnel, has there been some reimbursement of such additional cost? Please provide details of the nature of such reimbursement, including the name of the person or persons or the name of the organisation or entity that made the reimbursement and the form of the reimbursement.

- n) Have there been additional security assets installed at Kirribilli and The Lodge since 24 November 2007?
- o) In relation to any additional asset installed at Kirribilli or The Lodge, please provide details regarding the same, including a breakdown of the costs for such additional assets, who made the request for the same and when was such a request made.

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

- a) No.
- b) In December 2007. AFP officers at Kirribilli House were advised by Kirribilli House staff.
- c) The AFP is solely responsible for operational security.
- d) As per c).
- e) The AFP was supplied with a guest list from Kirribilli House and guests were checked against the list prior to admittance.
- f) No. The AFP does not have a copy of the guest list and has no record of the number of guests who attended.
- g) Yes, the AFP was provided with a guest list for the event. However, the AFP did not retain a copy of the guest list.
- h) Nil. There were no additional security costs for the party.
- i) Nil.
- j) Normal rostering practices applied with a range of start and finish times for staff.
- k) As per h).
- l) As per h).
- m) As per h).
- n) Infrastructure security at both The Lodge and Kirribilli House is a responsibility of the Attorney-General's Department Protective Security Coordination Centre.
- o) As per n).