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**From:** s 22  
**Sent:** Thursday, 19 May 2016 11:24 AM  
**To:** s 22  
**Cc:** s 22  
**Subject:** Catering for Iftar Dinner [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Dear s 22

I am planning an Iftar Dinner for 16 June in Sydney s 22  
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A brief summary for you:

- Halal catering required for dinner with approx. 80 pax

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Our venue has limitations in that the kitchen space is very small so the bulk of the food will need to be prepared off site s 22

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With thanks

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**From:** s 22  
**Date:** 6 May 2016 at 9:48:00 AM AEST  
**To:** s 22  
**Cc:** s 22  
**Subject:** Iftar Dinner [~~DLM=For Official Use Only~~]

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Good Morning s 22

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· Date of s 22 16th June 2016, s 22  
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· Catering to be sourced from a reputable caterer with Halal experience, s 22

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- NO Alcohol to be served
- Water & dates on arrival for the breaking of Ramadan

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Kind Regards,

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**Kirribilli House Site Visit**  
**Thursday 5 May 2016**  
**3.00pm - 4.00pm**

**Iftar dinner questions**

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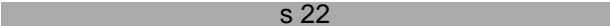
**Protocol/Cultural**

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- Appropriate access and provision for ablutions
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**Catering**

- Halal meal s 22
  - Possibility of other requirement pending final attendee list, eg, kosher
  - Catering arrangements
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+ arrival-lawn

+ drawing room.

+ dining room + prayer room

m/f  
bathrooms.furniture  
bins  
sheets.

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Arrival / mat for prayer hall

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+ 1.8 m table - 10 pax.

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+ plan for Interfaith

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+ seating plan  
poster size



Dinner on the occasion of Iftar  
in observance of the Holy Month of Ramadan

hosted by

The Honourable Malcolm Turnbull MP  
Prime Minister of Australia

**To Break Fast**

Dates

Lentil soup

**Sharing Main Course**

Traditional fattoush salad

Traditional tabbouleh salad

Lamb, rice, minced meat and spices

Chicken, saffron, paprika onions, sumac wrapped in  
saj bread

Kafta on cinnamon sticks

Malouf's melting salmon in fragrant salt 'tarator' style

San bousik pastry

Baba ganoush and hummus dip

Servings of fresh Lebanese bread

**Sharing Dessert**

Seasonal fresh fruit platter

Znoud El Sit & Halawet Jeben Rolls

**To Drink**

Water, soft drinks, jallab

Tea and coffee

Kirribilli House  
Thursday 16 June 2016



Dinner on the occasion of Iftar  
in observance of the Holy Month of Ramadan

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Prime Minister of Australia

Welcome

Dr B. Hass Dellal AO

Call to Prayer

Mr Bachar Houli

Sharing Meal

Qur'an Recitation

Mr Bachar Houli

Speech

The Honourable Malcolm Turnbull MP  
Prime Minister of Australia

Dessert

Kirribilli House  
Thursday 16 June 2016



The Honourable Malcolm Turnbull MP  
Prime Minister of Australia

requests the pleasure of the company of

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at the Prime Minister's Iftar Dinner, in observance of the Holy Month of Ramadan

to be held at Kirribilli House, Kirribilli, Sydney

Thursday 16 June 2016

4.00 pm for 4.15 pm to 7.30 pm

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Prayer facilities will be made available from 4.45pm

Please advise of any dietary requirements, noting halal catering will be provided

RSVP: by Wednesday 8 June 2016

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet



Telephone: s 22

Email: [RSVP-Iftar@pmc.gov.au](mailto:RSVP-Iftar@pmc.gov.au)

Dress: Business/Dinner Wear

## KIRRIBILLI HOUSE

## BACKGROUND

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- Limited space therefore dinner in a marquee

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A horizontal bar chart with the title 'U.S. should take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions'. The y-axis lists five age groups: 18-29, 30-49, 50-69, 70+, and 'Don't know'. The x-axis represents the percentage of respondents, ranging from 0 to 100. Each age group has a corresponding gray bar. The bars for 18-29, 30-49, and 50-69 are nearly at 100%. The bar for 70+ is around 95%. The bar for 'Don't know' is significantly shorter, at approximately 10%.

Age Group	Percentage of Respondents
18-29	99%
30-49	98%
50-69	97%
70+	95%
Don't know	10%

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Government	Percentage
Current government	75%
Previous government	25%

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Age Group	Should Take Action	Should Not Take Action
18-29	85%	15%
30-49	85%	15%
50-69	85%	15%
70+	85%	15%

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**CULTURAL PROTOCOLS**

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- [REDACTED] s 47C
- Some women may not pray at the event and may move to the stand down room [REDACTED] s 22

## FOI request 2016/118

## IFTAR DINNER COSTING SUMMARY

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit price (GST excl)	GST	Amount (GST incl)
<b>CATERING</b>					
Catering (food only)	Iftar catering Special dietary request	80 pax 1 pax	\$80.00 \$150.00	\$655.00	\$7205.00
Beverages	Juice and mineral water	80 pax	\$1.00	Included in cost	\$80.00
Beverages	Tea and coffee	80 pax	\$1.00	Included in cost	\$80.00
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>					<b>\$7365.00</b>
<b>STRUCTURE</b>					
Marquee structure		1	\$1728	<i>Covered in total only</i>	\$1728
Marquee structural components	Structure components, wall/roof lining, stage, flooring, lighting	Various	\$6585.00	<i>Covered in total only</i>	\$6585.00
Damage waiver		1	\$415.65		\$415.65
GST		1		\$872.87	\$872.87
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>					<b>\$9601.52</b>
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>					
Carpet		Various	\$1020.00		\$1020.00
Chairs and tables			\$1116.00		\$1116.00
Crockery, cutlery,		Various	\$1229.50		\$1229.50

glasses, linen					
AV, audio			\$1625.00		\$1625.00
Damage waiver		1	\$249.53		\$249.53
Labour		1	\$375.00		\$375.00
Delivery and pick up		1	\$360.00		\$360.00
GST		1	\$597.50		\$597.50
<b><i>SUB TOTAL</i></b>					<b><i>\$6572.53</i></b>
<b>OTHER</b>					
Casual staff		Various	\$1812.47		\$1812.47 *
Departmental staff (airfares and accommodation)					\$5747.17
Flowers		Various	\$814.00		\$814.00
Additional equipment			\$1782.00		\$1782.00
<b><i>SUB TOTAL</i></b>					<b><i>\$4408.47</i></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$33,694.69</b>

\* paid under contract through the department's payroll system – GST not required

PROJECT PLAN - IFTAR DINNER  
DATE: THURSDAY 16 JUNE 2016

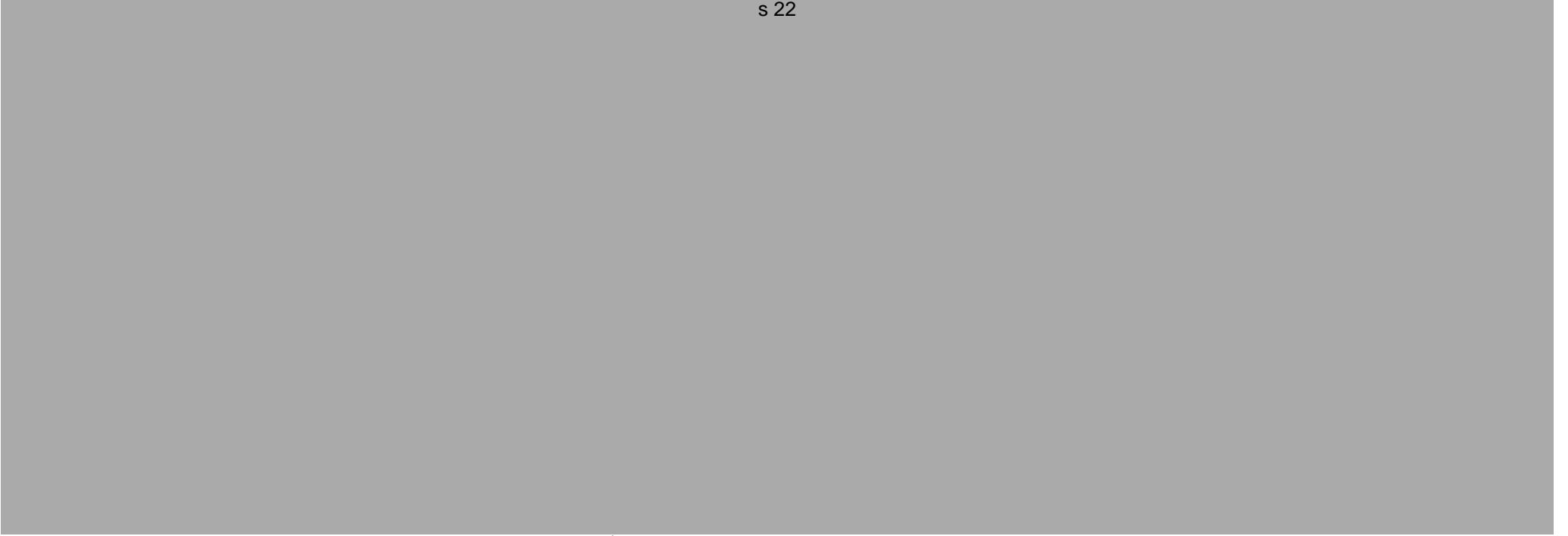
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Catering					24-May-16	22-Jun-16	Complete	Note: halal and no pork required; may also require s 22
Menu options received	19-May-16				24-May-16		Complete	
Dietary requirements received	8-Jun-16						Complete	
Menu cards printed (Cerhos)	2-Jun-16						Complete	
Initial dietary requirements provided to venue/caterer	w/c 5 June 2016						Complete	
Final dietary requirements provided to venue/caterer	10-Jun-16						Complete	

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**From:** s 22  
**To:** Goldsworthy, Sara  
**Cc:** s 22  
**Subject:** FOR APPROVAL - final invite and menu ~~[SEC=PROTECTED]~~  
**Date:** Sunday, 29 May 2016 12:40:05 PM  
**Attachments:** [23052016 Instruction card Iftar dinner - FINAL.docx](#)  
[27052016 Iftar invitation - FINAL.docx](#)  
[27052016 Iftar menu - FINAL.docx](#)

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Hi Sara

Attached is the final invitation, invitation instruction card and menu for printing approval. I have made a couple of changes for the drafts:

Invitation

- changed RSVP to Wednesday 8 June, which is the latest I can push it to still give is a couple of days buffer and meet deadlines for catering. This should be fine as we are getting indicative responses with calls

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Menu – shortened a couple

- Added *Iftar in observance of the Holy Month of Ramadan*
- Shortened a couple of items for space

Thanks

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**From:** PMC Media  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 June 2016 11:31 AM  
**To:** s 22  
**Cc:** Jadwat, Ridwaan; Moriarty, Greg; s 22 PMC  
**Subject:** FW: Media enquiry - PM's Iftar dinner - Herald Sun [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi s 22 the journalist has come back to us with some clarifications (highlighted below), are you able to develop a cleared response and we will respond to the journalist?

Many thanks

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**From:** Dunn, Mark [mailto:mark.dunn@news.com.au]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 June 2016 11:20 AM  
**To:** PMC Media  
**Subject:** Re: Media enquiry - PM's Iftar dinner - Herald Sun [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

*That's terrific, thanks for the responses s 22 Can I get a clarification on some points:*

*1. Was the Iftar meal served using cutlery, plates and glasses not from Kirribilli, but brought in, to comply with religious sensitivities?*

No - There was no issue with regards to religious sensitivities. The meal was prepared and served using equipment, including crockery, supplied by both Kirribilli House and the contracted caterer.

*2. Was the food served prepared by an outside contracted Halal service, rather than prepared at Kirribilli's kitchen, to comply with religious and Halal requirements?*

The food was prepared by a contracted Halal caterer.

Clarifications sought:

Religious protocols set out in Islam do recommend that Iftar meals are cooked in and served on plates and with cutlery and glassware that are not used by non-Islamic people. (This type of preference for festivities/breaking fasts is not limited to Islam). The protocols do state that if only cookware, plates, cutlery and glasses used by non-Islamic people is available, they can be used if washed properly.

I note you state the food was prepared by a contracted Halal caterer and that caterer also provided some crockery for serving. I take it the caterer used Kirribilli's kitchen to finalise some preparation.

Can you clarify if the guest plates, cutlery and glassware was provided by the caterer to comply with the religious requirements of guests?

It is a matter for PMC, but if you can provide the name of the Halal caterer I am happy to speak with them for clarification.

Apologies for what may appear to be a pedantic inquiry, but its important I understand the details as best I can so as not to overstate, nor understate, the effort made to ensure religious requirements were met.

Again, if a protocol document was established for catering the event and I can access it I'm sure that would help me with the information I seek.

And finally, while full costs have not been assessed, can you provide the total cost known to date - or the contract catering cost alone - and the number of guests who attended.

regards Mark.

On 21 June 2016 at 10:50, PMC Media <[Media@pmc.gov.au](mailto:Media@pmc.gov.au)> wrote:

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Hi Mark

Apologies for the delay in responding, please see responses to your questions below. Should you wish, this can be attributed to a spokesperson from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

*If there was a document prepared for adhering to and recognising the religious sensitivities and protocols of Iftar and Ramadan for the Kirribilli dinner I would ask if I could be supplied with that document.*

Cultural and religious sensitivities were known and respected.

*Was the marquee function held outside rather than inside Kirribilli for the above reason, to adhere to religious sensitivities, or was it because of the size of the function and number of guests?*

Due to the size and facilities of Kirribilli House, the Iftar dinner was held in an outside marquee on the lawn.

*Was the Iftar meal served using cutlery, plates and glasses not from Kirribilli, but brought in, to comply with religious sensitivities?*

No - There was no issue with regards to religious sensitivities. The meal was prepared and served using equipment, including crockery, supplied by both Kirribilli House and the contracted caterer.

*Was the food served prepared by an outside contracted Halal service, rather than prepared at Kirribilli's kitchen, to comply with religious and Halal requirements?*

The food was prepared by a contracted Halal caterer.

*Can you provide a cost for the function?*

The costs for the event are yet to be finalised.

*Can you provide a menu for the function?*

The menu consisted of a number of sharing plates, including:

Dates

Lentil soup

Fattoush salad

Tabbouleh salad

Lamb and rice

Chicken in saj bread

Kafta

Salmon

Beef mince pastry

Baba ganoush and hummus dip

Lebanese bread

Fresh fruit

Lebanese pastries

Water, soft drink, fruit juice, tea, coffee

Many thanks

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**To:** PMC Media  
**Subject:** Re: Iftar dinner [~~SEC=UNCLASSIFIED~~]

Hi s 22 any update on the status of my Iftar inquiry yesterday? regards Mark

On 20 June 2016 at 13:45, PMC Media <[Media@pmc.gov.au](mailto:Media@pmc.gov.au)> wrote:

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Thanks Mark, we are looking into your questions and will get back to you as soon as possible, noting your deadline.

Many thanks

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**Sent:** Monday, 20 June 2016 1:40 PM  
**To:** PMC Media  
**Subject:** Fwd: Iftar dinner

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It would help me understand the protocols required for the event.

regards Mark

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From: **Dunn, Mark** <[mark.dunn@news.com.au](mailto:mark.dunn@news.com.au)>

Date: 20 June 2016 at 11:13

Subject: Iftar dinner

To: [media@pmc.gov.au](mailto:media@pmc.gov.au)

Hello media unit - can you respond to the following inquiry today regarding protocols for the PM's Iftar dinner at Kirribilli last week.

An academic has told me that the function to celebrate fast-breaking in the holy month of Ramadan was held in the gardens of Kirribilli, rather than within the residence, for religious sensitivity reasons.

It is claimed that devout Muslims may resist or take offence at eating from plates and using cutlery and glassware which are used by non-Muslims, particularly on an important religious event such as Iftar.

Can you respond to the following:

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Was the food served prepared by an outside contracted Halal service, rather than prepared at Kirribilli's kitchen, to comply with religious and Halal requirements?

Can you provide a cost for the function?

Can you provide a menu for the function?

Regards Mark Dunn.

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**To:** s 22  
**Subject:** Fwd: Iftar dinner [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]  
**Date:** Monday, 20 June 2016 5:51:29 PM  
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Hey, the response to this may still come through tonight but I think we should hold off until the morning to send. I've just had a chat with the policy team who raised some sensitivities.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** s 22  
**Date:** 20 June 2016 at 1:56:38 PM AEST  
**To:** "Jadwat, Ridwaan" s 22 "Moriarty, Greg"  
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**Cc:** s 22 PMC Media  
 <Media@pmc.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Iftar dinner ~~[DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]~~

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Thanks Ridwaan – we'll go back to Mark with this.

**From:** Jadwat, Ridwaan  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 June 2016 1:50 PM  
**To:** s 22 Moriarty, Greg  
**Cc:** s 22  
**Subject:** RE: Iftar dinner ~~[DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]~~

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There was no document prepared but experienced PM&C staff were aware of cultural and religious sensitivities

**From:** s 22  
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**Cc:** s 22  
**Subject:** FW: Iftar dinner ~~[DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]~~

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Greg, Ridwaan,

We have received a further request from Mark Dunn re Iftar. Forwarding in case you haven't seen it.

Let me know if there is anything we can do to help.

Thanks.

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**From:** PMC Media  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 June 2016 1:44 PM  
**To:** s 22  
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**Subject:** FW: Iftar dinner [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi s 22

I understand this enquiry has now been passed onto you, the journalist has come back to us with a further request.

Many thanks

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**From:** Dunn, Mark [<mailto:mark.dunn@news.com.au>]  
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**To:** PMC Media  
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**Cc:** Moriarty, Greg; s 22 Jadwat, Ridwaan  
**Subject:** RE: Media enquiry - PM's Iftar dinner - Herald Sun [SEC=PROTECTED]  
**Date:** Tuesday, 21 June 2016 12:34:01 PM  
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Thanks everyone for your quick action.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 June 2016 12:20 PM  
**To:** s 22 PMC Media; s 22  
**Cc:** Moriarty, Greg; s 22 Jadwat, Ridwaan  
**Subject:** RE: Media enquiry - PM's Iftar dinner - Herald Sun [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Agree, part of halal food preparation is that it is prepared by equipment that is hygienic and clean and free from any contaminants (like any catering)

Happy with s 22 suggested response below.

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**From:** s 22  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 June 2016 12:03 PM  
**To:** PMC Media; s 22

**Cc:** Moriarty, Greg; [REDACTED] s 22 Jadwat, Ridwaan; [REDACTED] s 22  
**Subject:** RE: Media enquiry - PM's Iftar dinner - Herald Sun [SEC=PROTECTED]

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[REDACTED] s 22

There's nothing more we can say on this. After speaking with Ridwaan we suggest you go back to Mark with the following line:

As stated, there were no issues with regards to religious sensitivities

Thanks,  
[REDACTED] s 22

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**From:** Jadwat, Ridwaan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 June 2016 11:40 AM  
**To:** PMC Media; [REDACTED] s 22  
**Cc:** Moriarty, Greg; [REDACTED] s 22  
**Subject:** RE: Media enquiry - PM's Iftar dinner - Herald Sun [SEC=PROTECTED]

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I have not heard of anyone in the Muslim community and that includes all the clerics present at the Iftar [REDACTED] s 22 who follow any "protocols" about iftar meals being served on plates and with cutlery and glassware that are not used by non-Muslims. It is not an issue.

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**From:** PMC Media  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 June 2016 11:31 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] s 22  
**Cc:** Jadwat, Ridwaan; Moriarty, Greg; [REDACTED] s 22 PMC Media  
**Subject:** FW: Media enquiry - PM's Iftar dinner - Herald Sun [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi [REDACTED] s 22 the journalist has come back to us with some clarifications (highlighted below), are you able to develop a cleared response and we will respond to the journalist?

Many thanks

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**From:** Dunn, Mark [<mailto:mark.dunn@news.com.au>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 June 2016 11:20 AM  
**To:** PMC Media  
**Subject:** Re: Media enquiry - PM's Iftar dinner - Herald Sun [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

That's terrific, thanks for the responses [REDACTED] s 22 Can I get a clarification on some points:

1. Was the Iftar meal served using cutlery, plates and glasses not from Kirribilli, but brought in, to

*comply with religious sensitivities?*

No - There was no issue with regards to religious sensitivities. The meal was prepared and served using equipment, including crockery, supplied by both Kirribilli House and the contracted caterer.

*2. Was the food served prepared by an outside contracted Halal service, rather than prepared at Kirribilli's kitchen, to comply with religious and Halal requirements?*

The food was prepared by a contracted Halal caterer.

Clarifications sought:

Religious protocols set out in Islam do recommend that Iftar meals are cooked in and served on plates and with cutlery and glassware that are not used by non-Islamic people. (This type of preference for festivities/breaking fasts is not limited to Islam). The protocols do state that if only cookware, plates, cutlery and glasses used by non-Islamic people is available, they can be used if washed properly.

I note you state the food was prepared by a contracted Halal caterer and that caterer also provided some crockery for serving. I take it the caterer used Kirribilli's kitchen to finalise some preparation.

Can you clarify if the guest plates, cutlery and glassware was provided by the caterer to comply with the religious requirements of guests?

It is a matter for PMC, but if you can provide the name of the Halal caterer I am happy to speak with them for clarification.

Apologies for what may appear to be a pedantic inquiry, but its important I understand the details as best I can so as not to overstate, nor understate, the effort made to ensure religious requirements were met.

Again, if a protocol document was established for catering the event and I can access it Im sure that would help me with the information I seek.

And finally, while full costs have not been assessed, can you provide the total cost known to date - or the contract catering cost alone - and the number of guests who attended.

regards Mark.

On 21 June 2016 at 10:50, PMC Media <[Media@pmc.gov.au](mailto:Media@pmc.gov.au)> wrote:

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Hi Mark

Apologies for the delay in responding, please see responses to your questions below. Should you wish, this can be attributed to a spokesperson from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

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Cultural and religious sensitivities were known and respected.

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*Can you provide a cost for the function?*

The costs for the event are yet to be finalised.

*Can you provide a menu for the function?*

The menu consisted of a number of sharing plates, including:

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Salmon

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 June 2016 9:20 AM

**To:** PMC Media

**Subject:** Re: Iftar dinner {~~SEC=UNCLASSIFIED~~}

Hi s 22 any update on the status of my Iftar inquiry yesterday? regards Mark

On 20 June 2016 at 13:45, PMC Media <[Media@pmc.gov.au](mailto:Media@pmc.gov.au)> wrote:

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Thanks Mark, we are looking into your questions and will get back to you as soon as possible, noting your deadline.

Many thanks

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**Sent:** Monday, 20 June 2016 1:40 PM

**To:** PMC Media

**Subject:** Fwd: Iftar dinner

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It would help me understand the protocols required for the event.

regards Mark

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**From:** Dunn, Mark <[mark.dunn@news.com.au](mailto:mark.dunn@news.com.au)>

**Date:** 20 June 2016 at 11:13

**Subject:** Iftar dinner

**To:** [media@pmc.gov.au](mailto:media@pmc.gov.au)

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Was the food served prepared by an outside contracted Halal service, rather than prepared at Kirribilli's kitchen, to comply with religious and Halal requirements?

Can you provide a cost for the function?

Can you provide a menu for the function?

Regards Mark Dunn.

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**Cc:** s 22 adwat, Ridwaan; Goldsworthy, Sara; Moriarty, Greg; s 22  
**Subject:** RE: Media enquiry - PM's Iftar dinner - Herald Sun [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]  
**Date:** Tuesday, 21 June 2016 9:17:52 AM  
**Attachments:** image001.png

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**Sent:** Monday, 20 June 2016 11:24 AM  
**To:** s 22  
**Cc:** PMC Media; s 22  
**Subject:** Media enquiry - PM's Iftar dinner - Herald Sun ~~[SEC-UNCLASSIFIED]~~

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Hi- I would suggest a more definitive response on this question and add "No"

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**To:** Jadwat, Ridwaan; Moriarty, Greg  
**Cc:** s 22  
**Subject:** RE: Iftar dinner [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Hi All

I have included a line below re cutlery etc. Let me know if you're comfortable with this and I will send to PMC media.

Thanks

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**To:** s 22 Moriarty, Greg  
**Cc:** s 22  
**Subject:** RE: Iftar dinner [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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**Sent:** Monday, 20 June 2016 4:12 PM  
**To:** Moriarty, Greg; Jadwat, Ridwaan  
**Cc:** s 22  
**Subject:** FW: Iftar dinner [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Greg, Ridwaan,

Below is our proposed response to the questions posed by Mark Dunn. If you're ok with these points I'll ask PM&C media to respond (after we have shared with PMO as requested, Greg).

Best,  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 June 2016 9:44 AM  
**To:** s 22; Jadwat, Ridwaan; Moriarty, Greg  
**Cc:** s 22  
**Subject:** RE: Iftar dinner [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Morning s 22

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On the menu question, perhaps add The menu consisted of a number of sharing plates, including (list menu). That way it doesn't look like we had a set multi course meal.

Thank you for drafting the responses.

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**From:** s 22  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 June 2016 5:37 PM  
**To:** Jadwat, Ridwaan; Moriarty, Greg  
**Cc:** s 22  
**Subject:** RE: Iftar dinner [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Hi All

I have included a line below re cutlery etc. Let me know if you're comfortable with this and I will send to PMC media.

Thanks  
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**From:** Jadwat, Ridwaan  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 June 2016 4:54 PM  
**To:** s 22; Moriarty, Greg  
**Cc:** s 22  
**Subject:** RE: Iftar dinner [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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**Sent:** Monday, 20 June 2016 4:12 PM  
**To:** Moriarty, Greg; Jadwat, Ridwaan  
**Cc:** s 22  
**Subject:** FW: Iftar dinner [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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**To:** s 22 PMC Media  
**Subject:** RE: Media enquiry - PM's Iftar dinner - Herald Sun [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]  
**Date:** Monday, 20 June 2016 11:51:03 AM  
**Attachments:** image001.png

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**Sent:** Monday, 20 June 2016 11:50 AM  
**To:** PMC Media  
**Subject:** RE: Media enquiry - PM's Iftar dinner - Herald Sun [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi s 22

s 22 has passed this on to s 22 who will coordinate a response.

Thanks  
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**From:** PMC Media  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 June 2016 11:24 AM  
**To:** s 22  
**Cc:** PMC Media; s 22  
**Subject:** Media enquiry - PM's Iftar dinner - Herald Sun [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi s 22

As discussed, below is the media enquiry we have just received regarding the PM's recent Iftar dinner. Are you able to help find the right person to develop a response to this? Noting his deadline is today. If you could provide a cleared response back to us, we will then respond to the journalist.

Many thanks and let if know if you need any further help.

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**From:** Dunn, Mark [mailto:mark.dunn@news.com.au]  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 June 2016 11:14 AM  
**To:** PMC Media  
**Subject:** Iftar dinner

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Regards Mark Dunn.

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**To:** Jadwat, Ridwaan; PMC Media s 22  
**Cc:** s 22 Goldsworthy, Sara; Moriarty, Greg; s 22  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 June 2016 10:57 AM  
**To:** Jadwat, Ridwaan; s 22  
**Cc:** s 22 Bourke, Helen; s 22 Moriarty, Greg  
**Subject:** RE: Media enquiry - PM's Iftar dinner - Herald Sun [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 June 2016 11:17 AM  
**To:** s 22  
**Cc:** Jadwat, Ridwaan; s 22 Moriarty, Greg; PMC Media  
**Subject:** Re: Media enquiry - PM's Iftar dinner - Herald Sun [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Thanks s 22 will do.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 June 2016 11:40 AM  
**To:** PMC Media; s 22  
**Cc:** Moriarty, Greg; s 22  
**Subject:** RE: Media enquiry - PM's Iftar dinner - Herald Sun {SEC=PROTECTED}

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I have not heard of anyone in the Muslim community and that includes all the clerics present at the Iftar s 22 who follow any "protocols" about iftar meals being served on plates and with cutlery and glassware that are not used by non-Muslims. It is not an issue.

**From:** PMC Media  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 June 2016 11:31 AM  
**To:** s 22  
**Cc:** Jadwat, Ridwaan; Moriarty, Greg; s 22 PMC Media  
**Subject:** FW: Media enquiry - PM's Iftar dinner - Herald Sun [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi s 22 the journalist has come back to us with some clarifications (highlighted below), are you able to develop a cleared response and we will respond to the journalist?

Many thanks

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**From:** Dunn, Mark [mailto:mark.dunn@news.com.au]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 June 2016 11:20 AM  
**To:** PMC Media  
**Subject:** Re: Media enquiry - PM's Iftar dinner - Herald Sun {SEC=UNCLASSIFIED}

That's terrific, thanks for the responses s 22 Can I get a clarification on some points:

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Clarifications sought:

Religious protocols set out in Islam do recommend that Iftar meals are cooked in and served on plates and with cutlery and glassware that are not used by non-Islamic people. (This type of preference for festivities/breaking fasts is not limited to Islam). The protocols do state that if only cookware, plates, cutlery and glasses used by non-Islamic people is available, they can be used if washed properly.

I note you state the food was prepared by a contracted Halal caterer and that caterer also provided some crockery for serving. I take it the caterer used Kirribilli's kitchen to finalise some preparation.

Can you clarify if the guest plates, cutlery and glassware was provided by the caterer to comply with the religious requirements of guests?

It is a matter for PMC, but if you can provide the name of the Halal caterer I am happy to speak with them for clarification.

Apologies for what may appear to be a pedantic inquiry, but its important I understand the details as best I can so as not to overstate, nor understate, the effort made to ensure religious requirements were met.

Again, if a protocol document was established for catering the event and I can access it Im sure that would help me with the information I seek.

And finally, while full costs have not been assessed, can you provide the total cost known to date - or the contract catering cost alone - and the number of guests who attended.

regards Mark.

On 21 June 2016 at 10:50, PMC Media <[Media@pmc.gov.au](mailto:Media@pmc.gov.au)> wrote:

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**To:** PMC Media

**Subject:** Re: Iftar dinner [~~SEC=UNCLASSIFIED~~]

Hi [REDACTED] s 22 any update on the status of my Iftar inquiry yesterday? regards Mark

On 20 June 2016 at 13:45, PMC Media <[Media@pmc.gov.au](mailto:Media@pmc.gov.au)> wrote:

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Thanks Mark, we are looking into your questions and will get back to you as soon as possible, noting your deadline.

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**Subject:** Fwd: Iftar dinner

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regards Mark

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**To:** s 22; Moriarty, Greg  
**Cc:** s 22  
**Subject:** RE: Iftar dinner [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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There was no document prepared but experienced PM&C staff were aware of cultural and religious sensitivities

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**From:** s 22  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 June 2016 1:47 PM  
**To:** Jadwat, Ridwaan; Moriarty, Greg  
**Cc:** s 22  
**Subject:** FW: Iftar dinner [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Greg, Ridwaan,

We have received a further request from Mark Dunn re Iftar. Forwarding in case you haven't seen it.

Let me know if there is anything we can do to help.

Thanks,  
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**From:** PMC Media  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 June 2016 1:44 PM  
**To:** s 22  
**Cc:** s 22  
**Subject:** FW: Iftar dinner [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi s 22

I understand this enquiry has now been passed onto you, the journalist has come back to us with a further request.

Many thanks

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**From:** Dunn, Mark [mailto:mark.dunn@news.com.au]  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 June 2016 1:40 PM  
**To:** PMC Media  
**Subject:** Fwd: Iftar dinner

Hi media unit - if there was a document prepared for adhering to and recognising the religious sensitivities and protocols of Iftar and Ramadan for the Kirribilli dinner I would ask if I could be supplied with that document.

It would help me understand the protocols required for the event.

regards Mark

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**From:** Dunn, Mark <mark.dunn@news.com.au>  
**Date:** 20 June 2016 at 11:13  
**Subject:** Iftar dinner  
**To:** [media@pmc.gov.au](mailto:media@pmc.gov.au)

Hello media unit - can you respond to the following inquiry today regarding protocols for the PM's Iftar dinner at Kirribilli last week.

An academic has told me that the function to celebrate fast-breaking in the holy month of Ramadan was held in the gardens of Kirribilli, rather than within the residence, for religious sensitivity reasons.

It is claimed that devout Muslims may resist or take offence at eating from plates and using cutlery and glassware which are used by non-Muslims, particularly on an important religious event such as Iftar.

Can you respond to the following:

Was the marquee function held outside rather than inside Kirribilli for the above reason, to adhere to religious sensitivities, or was it because of the size of the function and number of guests?

Was the Iftar meal served using cutlery, plates and glasses not from Kirribilli, but brought in, to comply with religious sensitivities?

Was the food served prepared by an outside contracted Halal service, rather than prepared at Kirribilli's kitchen, to comply with religious and Halal requirements?

Can you provide a cost for the function?

Can you provide a menu for the function?

Regards Mark Dunn.

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**From:** s 22  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 June 2016 3:00 PM  
**To:** s 22  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: MISSED CALL - RIDWAAN - Please call - ~~[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]~~

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Thanks -- I spoke to him

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**From:** s 22  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 June 2016 2:44 PM  
**To:** s 22  
**Subject:** MISSED CALL - RIDWAAN - Please call - ~~[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]~~

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Ridwaan asked if you were working on the response to Journalist Mark Dunn?

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**From:** Jadwat, Ridwaan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 June 2016 10:39 AM  
**To:** s 22 PMC Media  
**Cc:** s 22 Goldsworthy, Sara; Moriarty, Greg; s 22  
**Subject:** RE: Media enquiry - PM's Iftar dinner - Herald Sun [DLM=For Official Use Only]

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All good

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**From:** s 22  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 June 2016 9:33 AM  
**To:** Jadwat, Ridwaan; PMC Media  
**Cc:** s 22 Goldsworthy, Sara; Moriarty, Greg; s 22  
**Subject:** RE: Media enquiry - PM's Iftar dinner - Herald Sun [DLM=For Official Use Only]

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Thanks Ridwaan

If you're comfortable with the reworded answer from s 22 then we're all set.

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**From:** Jadwat, Ridwaan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 June 2016 9:21 AM  
**To:** PMC Media; s 22  
**Cc:** s 22 Goldsworthy, Sara; Moriarty, Greg; s 22  
**Subject:** RE: Media enquiry - PM's Iftar dinner - Herald Sun [DLM=For Official Use Only]

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Hi- I would suggest a more definitive response on this question and add "No"

*Was the Iftar meal served using cutlery, plates and glasses not from Kirribilli, but brought in, to comply with religious sensitivities?*

No - There was no issue with regards to religious sensitivities. Due to the size of the event, the meal was served using cutlery, plates and glasses that were supplied by both Kirribilli and the contracted caterer.

*Was the food served prepared by an outside contracted Halal service, rather than prepared at Kirribilli's kitchen, to comply with religious and Halal requirements?*

The food was prepared by a contracted Halal caterer.

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**From:** PMC Media  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 June 2016 9:18 AM  
**To:** s 22 PMC Media  
**Cc:** s 22 Jadwat, Ridwaan; Goldsworthy, Sara; Moriarty, Greg; s 22  
**Subject:** RE: Media enquiry - PM's Iftar dinner - Herald Sun [DLM=For Official Use Only]

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Hi s 22

As we just spoke about, I'd like to suggest a slight word change to the first response to remove the reference to PM&C staff.

Suggested response is:

*If there was a document prepared for adhering to and recognising the religious sensitivities and protocols of Iftar and Ramadan for the Kirribilli dinner I would ask if I could be supplied with that document.*  
~~Experienced PM&C staff were aware of~~ Cultural and religious sensitivities were known and respected.

Kind regards,

s 22

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**From:** s 22

**Sent:** Monday, 20 June 2016 6:10 PM

**To:** PMC Media

**Cc:** s 22 Jadwat, Ridwaan; Goldsworthy, Sara; Moriarty, Greg; s 22

**Subject:** RE: Media enquiry - PM's Iftar dinner - Herald Sun [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Hi again – one small change to the answer below (highlighted)

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**From:** s 22

**Sent:** Monday, 20 June 2016 5:53 PM

**To:** PMC Media

**Cc:** s 22 Jadwat, Ridwaan; Goldsworthy, Sara; Moriarty, Greg; s 22

**Subject:** RE: Media enquiry - PM's Iftar dinner - Herald Sun [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Hi s 22

Here are the answers to the questions below, cleared by Greg.

Thanks,  
s 22

*If there was a document prepared for adhering to and recognising the religious sensitivities and protocols of Iftar and Ramadan for the Kirribilli dinner I would ask if I could be supplied with that document.*  
Experienced PM&C staff were aware of cultural and religious sensitivities.

*Was the marquee function held outside rather than inside Kirribilli for the above reason, to adhere to religious sensitivities, or was it because of the size of the function and number of guests?*

Due to the size and facilities of Kirribilli House, the Iftar dinner was held in an outside marquee on the lawn.

*Was the Iftar meal served using cutlery, plates and glasses not from Kirribilli, but brought in, to comply with religious sensitivities?*

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*Was the food served prepared by an outside contracted Halal service, rather than prepared at Kirribilli's kitchen, to comply with religious and Halal requirements?*

The food was prepared by a contracted Halal service.

*Can you provide a cost for the function?*

The costs for the event are yet to be finalised.

*Can you provide a menu for the function?*

Dates

Lentil soup

Fattoush salad

Tabbouleh salad

Lamb and rice

Chicken in saj bread

Kafta

Salmon

Beef mince pastry

Baba ganoush and hummus dip

Lebanese bread

Fresh fruit

Lebanese pastries

Water, soft drink, fruit juice, tea, coffee

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**From:** PMC Media

**Sent:** Monday, 20 June 2016 11:24 AM

**To:** s 22

**Cc:** PMC Media; s 22

**Subject:** Media enquiry - PM's Iftar dinner - Herald Sun ~~[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]~~

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Hi s 22

As discussed, below is the media enquiry we have just received regarding the PM's recent Iftar dinner. Are you able to help find the right person to develop a response to this? Noting his deadline is today. If you could provide a cleared response back to us, we will then respond to the journalist.

Many thanks and let if know if you need any further help.

**From:** Dunn, Mark [<mailto:mark.dunn@news.com.au>]  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 June 2016 11:14 AM  
**To:** PMC Media  
**Subject:** Iftar dinner

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Can you provide a cost for the function?

Can you provide a menu for the function?

Regards Mark Dunn.

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**MARK DUNN**  
Journalist



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