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Leaders' Upkeep Costs $3Bln

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The government spent 84.6 billion rubles ($3 billion) last year on living expenses for President Dmitry Medvedev, Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and their staffs, Moskovskiye Novosti reported Thursday.

The total includes "maintenance" of official residences and offices, transportation and health care for senior officials, the newspaper said, citing Kremlin property department documents. "Direct expenses" for upkeep of the Kremlin and White House, as the government's headquarters is known, was 14.8 billion rubles, about half of which was spent on Medvedev and Putin specifically, the newspaper said.

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