

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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4 – 6 June 2013

Question: BET 1321-1325

Topic: Hospitality & Entertainment

Written: 17 June 2013

Senator BUSHBY asked:

1321. What is the department/agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
1322. What hospitality spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
1323. What is the department/agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
1324. What entertainment spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
1325. Is the department/agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?

*Financial year to date – 31 May 2013

Answer:

1321. and 1323.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost (GST Exclusive)
29/08/2012	Canberra	Chinese Central Party School visit delegation	86.23
19/10/2012	Canberra	Economist Group meeting	83.39
08/11/2012	Melbourne	Alumni Networking function	989.01
09/11/2012	Canberra	Alumni Networking function	761.55
09/11/2012	Canberra	Economist Group meeting	761.82
19/11/2012	Canberra	PC ABS Pre Conference Dinner	919.64
26/11/2012	Melbourne	Productivity Commission Annual Richard Snape Lecture –hospitality for attendees at the Lecture and dinner with the Lecturer and invited guests	5,394.96

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06/12/2012	Canberra	APEC Farewell Luncheon for Overseas Delegate - Malaysia	195.45
05/04/2013	Canberra	APEC Farewell Luncheon for Overseas Delegate - Indonesia	174.00
		Total for 2012-13 as at 31 May 2013	9,366.05

1322, 1324 and 1325.

The Commission is anticipating that the level of expenditure on official hospitality and entertainment in 2012-13 will be similar to previous years.