

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

17 October – 18 October 2012

Question: SBT 550-556

Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment (PC)

Written: Received from Committee – 26 October 2012

Senator BUSHBY asked:

550. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date (26 October 2012)? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
551. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date (26 October 2012)? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
552. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
553. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
554. 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?
555. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
556. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.

Answer:

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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
		Total for 2012-13 as at 26 October 2012	\$169.62

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

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Date	Location	Purpose	Cost (GST Exclusive)
25/08/2011	Canberra	Launch of "Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantages" report at external premises	1,091.21
11/10/2011	Melbourne	Productivity Commission Annual Richard Snape Lecture –hospitality for attendees at the Lecture and dinner with the Lecturer and invited guests	5,091.85
24/10/2011	Melbourne	Alumni Networking function and opening of the Commission's Melbourne office	3,934.34
27/10/2011	Canberra	Alumni Networking function	576.90
09/02/2012	Canberra	Dinner meeting with New Zealand Officials	253.85
28/02/2012	Sydney	Dinner meeting with academics – to discuss forthcoming projects and research topics	781.29
		Total for 2011-12	11,729.44