

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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17 October – 18 October 2012

Question: SBT 571-577

Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment (ACCC)

Written: Received from Committee – 26 October 2012

Senator BUSHBY asked:

571. 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.
572. 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.
573. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
574. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
575. 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?
576. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
577. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.

Answer:

571. Expenditure on hospitality/entertainment for the financial year to date (to 31 October 2012) is \$1 972.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost \$
31 August 2012	Wolfies , Sydney	Lunch for Mexico, Chile, Singapore & New Zealand Study Delegation	163
3 September 2012	Wolfies , Sydney	Lunch for Mexico, Chile, Singapore & New Zealand Study Delegation	574
4 September 2012	Acqua Dining, Sydney	Dinner for Mexico, Chile, Singapore & New Zealand Study Delegation	490
6 September 2012	Acqua Dining, Sydney	Dinner for Mexico, Chile, Singapore & New Zealand Study Delegation	745
		Total	1 972

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572. See SBT 571
573. Hospitality/entertainment is not specifically budgeted.
574. See SBT 573
575. No. Hospitality/entertainment spend is already at a minimal level.
576. Expenditure on hospitality/entertainment for the 2011-12 financial year was \$6 563.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost \$
27 July 2011	Xchange on London Café, Canberra	Lunch for Kenya International Delegation	105
1 August 2011	Xchange on London Café, Canberra	Welcome lunch for Vietnam visitors	76
24 August 2011	Tuscan Restaurant, Melbourne	Lunch for Network representatives	555
25 October 2011	Courgette Restaurant, Canberra	Dinner for New Zealand Commerce Commission representatives	347
24 November 2011	Movida Aqui Restaurant, Melbourne	Utility Regulators Forum Dinner	4 477
24 March 2012	Rydges, Canberra	Lunch for Singapore International Delegation	495
28 March 2012	Parliament House, Hobart	Lunch with Director Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading at Tasmania Department of Justice	115
20 June 2012	Rydges Lakeside	Lunch for Malaysian Competition Commission representatives	393
		Total	6 563

577. See SBT 576