

## Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2012-2013

#### Cross Portfolio

DEEWR Question No. EW0058\_13

Senator Back provided in writing.

#### Question

#### Hospitality and Entertainment

1."What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 3. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved? "

#### Answer

For questions 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Total hospitality expenditure for the Department for the period 1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012 was \$92,071.10. Please refer to the tables below for a breakdown between events of \$1,000 or more and general Group and State hospitality and a breakdown by Ministerial office. Hospitality and Entertainment are interchangeable terms for this type of expenditure and both the Department and the portfolios include both in the below information.

<b>Event DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>COST (\$) (Ex GST)</b>
13 July 2011	Adelaide Royal Coach Motor Inn 24 Dequetteville Terrace Kent Town SA	CCMS Presentation on operation process changes to various South Australian audiences	\$1,453.64
14 July -16 July 2011	Joondalup Reception Centre 102 Boss Avenue Joondalup WA	CCMS Presentation on operation process changes to various Western Australian audiences	\$2,890.41
18 July – 28 July 2011	Treacy Centre 128 The Avenue Parkville VIC	CCMS Presentation on operation process changes to Victorian audiences	\$5,394.09
25 July – 26 July 2011	Domain Athletic Centre Upper domain Road Queens Domain TAS	CCMS Presentation on operation process changes to Tasmania audiences	\$1,316.36
1 August 2011	Springdales School Pusa Road – Upper Ridge Road Junction New Delhi India	Reception for Minister Evans to celebrate 13 years of Australia/ India Teachers/ Principals Professional Learning Program	\$2,713.37
24 August 2011	Tailrace Centre Launceston TAS	Employment Services and Training Forum	\$1,228.64
1 September 2011	Grand Hyatt Melbourne 123 Collins Street Melbourne VIC	TVET Board Function	\$1,191.82
23 September 2011	Mantra on Northbourne 84 Northbourne Ave Canberra ACT	Workshop for the Early Childhood data Sub Group and the Implementation Sub Committee to review data standards.	\$1,823.64
23 September 2011	The Regent, Taipei, Taiwan	Australian Water Delegation Function	\$2,069.04
26 September 2011	Stamford Plaza 150 North Terrace Adelaide SA	CCMS Training meeting	\$3,007.01

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18 October 2011	Penguin Island Cruises Rockingham WA	Commonwealth Youth Group Forum Cultural Activity	\$3,585.45
14 October 2011	Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Malaysian Australian Alumni Council Gala Dinner 2011	\$1,044.32
20-27 October 2012	Yanchep National Park Wanneroo Rd, Yanchep WA	Youth forum Aboriginal Tour	\$2,295.37
24 October 2011	Fremantle, WA	Commonwealth Youth Forum	\$3,500.00
7 November 2011	DEEWR 50 Marcus Clarke St Canberra ACT	Reconciliation Action Plan launch	\$7,770.00
24 November 2011	Ding Xian 101 Restaurant Xinyi Road, Taipei, Taiwan	International Network Function	\$1,052.11
8 December 2011	Imperial Hotel 1-1-1 Uchisaiwaicho Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan	Reception for Senator Collins' visit to Tokyo with Japanese Institute for Labour Policy and Training	\$1,217.54
19 December 2011	Lobby Restaurant King Georges Terrace Parkes ACT	Australia – Indonesia Joint Working Group on Education and Training Function	\$2,653.18
19 January 2012	Grand Hyatt Hotel 1 Harbour Road Hong Kong	Australia Day Reception – Hong Kong	\$1,266.40
26 Jan 2012	Australian Embassy 37 South Sathorn Rd Bangkok	Australia Day Reception - Bangkok	\$1,489.74
7 February 2012	Woolloomooloo Restaurant 379 Xinyi Rd Sec 4, Taipei City Taiwan	Network lunch for National Taiwan Normal University Mandarin Students	\$2,753.96
20 February 2012	Stamford Plaza Sydney Airport, Cnr Robey & O'Riordan Sts Mascot NSW	Childcare Technical Reference Group quarterly Meeting with childcare third party software providers	\$3,419.09

Event DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE	COST (\$) (Ex GST)
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$55,135.17</b>

### Minister/ Parliamentary Secretary

The Hon Peter Garrett MP	\$145.45
The Hon Bill Shorten MP	\$0
The Hon Julie Collins MP	\$0
The Hon Kate Ellis MP	\$0
Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins	\$1,182.81
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,328.26</b>

### GENERAL EXPENDITURE (< \$1000 in value per event)

#### PURPOSE

Executive	General Official Hospitality includes:	\$15.00
Corporate	▪ Launches attended by the media;	\$4,405.37
Employment	▪ Hospitality associated with advisory committee functions;	\$23.73
OECECC	▪ Major events relating to the progress or promotion of the Department's business	\$9,295.57
Schools	▪ Hospitality which promotes a government policy or objective;	\$2,378.79
State Network	▪ Hosting visiting officials and dignitaries from overseas;	\$562.99
Strategy	▪ Hospitality which facilitates the conduct of public business and	\$2,587.24
Tertiary, Youth & International	▪ Hospitality at functions for staff in recognition of significant events	\$16,338.98
Workplace Relations		\$0
<b>Total &lt; \$1000</b>		<b>\$35,607.67</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$92,071.10</b>

Please refer to the tables below for a breakdown between events of \$1,000 or more and general hospitality for each Portfolio Agency. To provide details for each item of expenditure would require an unreasonable diversion of Departmental resources.

## Portfolio Agencies

Hospitality Events > \$1,000				
AGENCY	EVENT DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE	COST (\$) (Ex GST)
ACARA	23 January 2012	Sky Phoenix, Shop 6001 Westfield, 188 Pitt St Sydney	Board Planning Dinner	1,947.24
	2 March 2012	Sky Phoenix, Shop 6001 Westfield, 188 Pitt St Sydney	Board Dinner	1,291.00
	1 May 2012	Bistro Papillon, 98 Clarence St Sydney NSW	Board Dinner	3,238.30
AITSL	8/9 August 2011	Dell Ugo Restaurant and AITSL Brisbane Office	Dinner reception and catering for Board meeting	2,223.00
	13 October 2011	RACV Club 438 Little Collins St Melbourne VIC	2011 Australian Awards for Outstanding Teaching and School Leadership	10,976.00
	27 October 2011	Merchant Restaurant 495 Collins St Melbourne VIC	Dinner meeting with key Principals Associations to discuss principal and leadership initiatives	1,097.72
	14/15 November 2011	Merchant Restaurant 495 Collins St Melbourne VIC and AITSL Melb Office	Dinner reception and catering for Board meeting	1,440.00
	22 February 2012	Ezard, 187 Flinders Lane Melbourne VIC	Conversation with leading/ accomplished education leaders	1,877.50
	22/23 February 2012	RACV Club 438 Little Collins St Melbourne VIC and AITSL Melb Office	Dinner reception and catering for Board meeting	2,149.00
	8 March 2012	Rydges Hotel, Southbank Brisbane QLD	Peak School education Body Information Meeting to inform participants of details for the 2012 Australian AITSL awards	1,905.59

<b>Hospitality Events &gt; \$1,000</b>				
<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>EVENT DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>COST (\$) (Ex GST)</b>
	28/29 March 2012	RACV Club 438 Little Collins St Melbourne VIC and AITSL Melb Office	Dinner reception and catering for Board meeting	2,105.20
	10 May 2012	Mereweather Surfhouse, Henderson Parade Newcastle NSW	Information forum to Principals and School Leaders in regional areas on AITSL's	3,834.00
	15 May 2012	City Beach Function Centre, Marine Drive Wollongong NSW	Information forum to Principals and School Leaders in regional areas on AITSL's	1,755.00
	17 May 2012	The Capital Performing Arts Centre, 50 View St Bendigo VIC	Information forum to Principals and School Leaders in regional areas on AITSL's	1,336.50
	31 May/ 1 June 2012	Ezard, 187 Flinders Lane Melbourne VIC	Dinner reception and catering for Board meeting	2,528.00
FWA	27 October 2011	Merchant Restaurant 495 Collins St Melbourne VIC	Dinner meeting with key Principals Associations to discuss principal and leadership initiatives	1,097.72
	14/15 November 2011	Merchant Restaurant 495 Collins St Melbourne VIC and AITSL Melb Office	Dinner reception and catering for Board meeting	1,440.00
	13 December 2011	FWA Melbourne Offices	End of year stakeholder function	5,939.00
	24 February 2012	FWA Melbourne Offices	President's farewell function	1,802.00
	23 March 2012	FWA Melbourne Offices	Welcome Ceremonial - new President	1,077.00
	22 April 2012	FWA Sydney Offices	Ceremonial sitting – new members and Deputy President and Commissioner	1,214.00
FWO	1 December 2011	National Portrait Gallery, King Edward Terrace, Canberra	Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Sector Management	1,590.90
	17 Feb 2012	Melbourne Cricket Ground, Brunton Ave, East Melbourne VIC	Farewell Dinner for Justice Guidice	1,264.09

<b>Hospitality Events &gt; \$1,000</b>				
<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>EVENT DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>COST (\$) (Ex GST)</b>
SWA	1 March 2012	Punch Lane Restaurant, 43 Little Bourke St, Melbourne VIC	Farewell dinner for SWA Chair of the Strategic Issues Work Group for Work Health and Safety	1,170.63
	26 April 2012	Australian War Memorial, Treloar Cres, Campbell ACT	SWA Awards finalists lunch	1,936.18

<b>Hospitality Events &lt; \$1,000</b>		
<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>COST (\$) (Ex GST)</b>
ABCC	Various planning, strategic development and industry stakeholder meetings	790.68
ACARA	Various planning, strategic development and industry stakeholder meetings	6,262.58
AITSL	Various planning, strategic development and industry stakeholder meetings	7,658.38
Comcare	Various planning, strategic development and industry stakeholder meetings	5,021.44
FWA	Various planning, strategic development and industry stakeholder meetings	11,300.00
SWA	Various planning, strategic development and industry stakeholder meetings	1,893.23

Questions 5,6,7 and 8. Estimated hospitality expenditure for 2011-12 by agency is provided in the table below.

DEEWR	\$100,000
Ministers/ Parliamentary Secretary	\$0
ABCC	\$2,400
ACARA	\$18,975
AITSL	\$52,019
Comcare	\$5,783
FWA	\$24,477
FWO	\$2,855
SWA	\$5,000

Question 9. All expenditure on hospitality is for official purposes and determined to be appropriate prior to approval. As such, there is no policy to reduce these expenses. They will be incurred when and where required to efficiently and effectively conduct business.