

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2014

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Fundraising events in PH**

Question: **187**

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Senator RHIANNON: So you are saying that it is IHG who would have the list of who it is hired out to and what the costs are—what they charge.

Ms Mills: Yes. As part of their role as engaged catering, food and beverage providers across the building, they need to know that information for the purposes of catering and charging. But it is not something that we require from them on a case by case basis. Our relationship with them is about the overall turnover and therefore our share of costs and their share of contribution towards utilities—electricity et cetera.

Senator RHIANNON: To gain that information, do we go through you?

Ms Mills: If you put those questions on notice, I can explore whether I can answer any of them for you. It would certainly not be because I do not wish to answer them; it is more about whether that information is in fact available.

Senator RHIANNON: I will put on notice that I would like a list of fundraising events for the last three financial years—2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14.

Answer

DPS holds information relating to venues in Parliament House that are hired for functions and events through the catering contractor, IHG. These venues are: the Great Hall; Marble Foyer; Theatre and Theatre foyer; Mural Hall; Senate and House of Representatives alcoves; Private Dining Rooms; and the Queen's Terrace Café, Terrace and Gallery.

At the time of booking a venue for a function or event, the organiser is asked to provide the catering contractor information about the proposed function or event. The information requested by IHG has changed over time. In financial years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013, the organiser was asked for the purpose of the event, and whether there would be 'fundraising at the event ... includ[ing] coin donation/offering'. The present booking form, which has been used since the 2013-2014 financial year, asks whether the event is 'intended as a fundraiser'. These questions have been interpreted in different ways by those who have completed the form and there is no consistent information available (for example, some equate fundraising with selling tickets to recoup the costs of the event, while others do not equate the event with fundraising where tickets are sold prior to the event). Further, organisers are not required to disclose the purpose of any fundraising activities.

The following is a list of functions and events held during the last three financial years, in venues hired through IHG, in which the information provided by the person booking the venue to IHG indicates that the purpose of the event involves fundraising (including where 'fundraising' is for the purpose of recouping costs) or that there will be fundraising at the event. As noted above, it does not cover functions and events which have been held in other spaces in Parliament House or functions and events that the event organiser has not identified as involving 'fundraising'.

FY 2011-2012			
Event Name	Organiser	Date of Event	Venue
PS 24:7 Kingdom of Heaven in 2011 Conference	Centre for International Reconciliation and Peace	21-23 July 2011	Parliamentary Theatre
Church Memorial Service – National Day of Prayer and Fasting	New Hope Brisbane	24 July 2011	Great Hall
National Marriage Day	The Australian Family Association	16 August 2011	Great Hall
Canberra Cancerians Black and White Ball	Australian Cancer Research Foundation	27 August 2011	Great Hall
Flowers in the Hall: the Inaugural Beat Sarcoma Ball	The Sarah-Grace Sarcoma Foundation in collaboration with Association of Diplomatic Heads of Mission	12 September 2011	Main Foyer, Great Hall
EMILY's List Oration	EMILY's List Australia	13 September 2011	Theatre, Theatre Foyer
Women Die Waiting	Anglicord	12 October 2011	Senate Alcove
Sir David Martin Foundation Navy Centenary Ball	Sir David Martin Foundation	5 November 2011	Great Hall
[Unspecified]	Lifeline Australia	11 November 2011	Mural Hall
The 2011 White Ribbon Workplace Launch Program	White Ribbon	24 November 2011	House of Representatives Alcove
DPS Christmas Party	Department of Parliamentary Services	9 December 2011	Mural Hall
Summer Harvest 2011	New Life Community Church	18 December 2011	Theatre
National Day of Prayer Service	Australian Heart Ministries	19 February 2012	Great Hall
Ronald McDonald House Charity Launch sponsored by InterContinental Hotels Group	Ronald McDonald House	1 March 2012	Mural Hall
2012 Federal Budget Dinner	ALP National Secretariat	8 May 2012	Great Hall
Budget Reply Function – 2012	Bradfield Forum	10 May 2012	Gallery, Mural Hall
Dinner with the Hon Malcolm Turnbull (hosted by Senator Gary Humphries)	Senator Gary Humphries	21 May 2012	Private Dining Room

FY 2011-2012			
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Cancer Council Australia's Biggest Morning Tea	Cancer Council Australia	24 May 2012	Mural Hall
Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery Mid Winter Ball 2012	BDW Special Events Management	27 June 2012	Marble Foyer, Great Hall, Side Dressing Rooms, Schools Hospitality Room

FY 2012-2013			
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Asia Pacific Apostolic Prophetic Conference	Centre for International Reconciliation and Peace	3-5 July 2012	Theatre
Canberra Cancerians Committee Gala Ball	Australian Cancer Research Foundation	25 August 2012	Marble Foyer, Great Hall
Kimberley photographic exhibition – the power and the passion	The Wilderness Society WA	12 September 2012	Mural Hall
White Ribbon Day	White Ribbon	26 November 2012	Mural Hall
Book launch for 'The Spirit of SMEC'	SMEC	29 November 2012	Theatrette
The Smith Family's 90 th Birthday Celebration	The Smith Family	29 November 2012	House of Representatives Alcove
57 th Walkley Awards for Excellence in Journalism	Walkley Foundation	30 November 2012	Queens Terrace, Queens Terrace Café, Schools Hospitality Area, Marble Foyer, Great Hall
ANU Medical School Graduation Ball	ANU Medical School	14 December 2012	Great Hall
National Day of Prayer Service	Australian Heart Ministries	10 February 2013	Great Hall
Sportswomen's Ball hosted by Australian Parliament Sports Club	Sports Hydrant Pty Ltd	27 February 2013	Great Hall
Coalition Budget in Reply dinner	Liberal Party of Australia, NSW Division	16 May 2013	Great Hall
Kidney Health Week Launch	Kidney Health Australia	10 April 2013	Senate Alcove

FY 2012-2013			
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Cancer Council Australia's Biggest Morning Tea	Cancer Council Australia	29 May 2013	House of Representatives Alcove
Prayer Nations and Government 2013	Parliamentary Prayer Network	3 June 2013	Theatrette
Montessori Centenary Dinner	Montessori Australia Foundation	8 June 2013	Great Hall
2001 Brumbies v British and Irish Lions Reunion Dinner	Sports Hydrant Pty Ltd	17 June 2013	Theatre Foyer, Theatre, Marble Foyer, Great Hall
Brumbies Rugby British Lions Luncheon	Brumbies Rugby	17 June 2013	Marble Foyer, Great Hall
Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery Midwinter Ball	BDW Special Events Management	19 June 2013	Marble Foyer, Great Hall, Side Dressing Rooms, Schools Hospitality Room
Australian Computer Society Dinner	Australian Computer Society	25 June 2013	House of Representatives Alcove
Members and Senators Mining Brief	Barry Haase MP	25 June 2013	Private Dining Room
Business Council of Australia dinner and breakfast	Business Council of Australia	25 June 2013 (dinner); 26 June 2013 (breakfast)	Senate Alcove (dinner); House of Representatives Alcove (breakfast)
International Women's Day Parliamentary Breakfast	UN Women Australia	13 March 2013	Mural Hall
2013 REIA National Awards for Excellence	Real Estate Institute of Australia	14 March 2013	Marble Foyer, Great Hall
2013 Fulbright Scholar Presentation Dinner	Australian-American Fulbright Commission	21 March 2013	Marble Foyer, Great Hall
2013 Federal Budget Dinner	ALP National Secretariat	14 May 2013	Great Hall
Bradfield Budget Reply 2013	Bradfield Forum	16 May 2013	Private Dining Room, Mural Hall

FY 2013-2014 (to 27 June 2014)			
Event Name	Organiser	Date of Event	Venue
David Coleman's First Speech Lunch	[not specified]	19 November 2013	Private Dining Room

FY 2013-2014 (to 27 June 2014)			
Event Name	Organiser	Date of Event	Venue
Boundless Gala Dinner	[not specified]	30 November 2013	Great Hall
ANU Medical School Graduation Ball	ANU Medical School	14 December 2013	Marble Foyer, Great Hall
National Day of Prayer Service	Australian Heart Ministries	2 March 2014	Great Hall
International Women's Day Parliamentary Breakfast	Australian National Committee for UN Women	4 March 2014	Mural Hall
Bradfield Forum Budget Night	Bradfield Forum	13 May 2014	Mural Hall
Coalition Budget Night Dinner	Coalition MPs and Senators and invited guests	13 May 2014	Great Hall
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea	Cancer Council Australia	15 May 2014	Mural Hall
Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery Midwinter Ball	Press Gallery Event	18 June 2014	Marble Foyer, Great Hall, School room