

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

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Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

Budget Estimates

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**Question:** BR37  
**Topic:** Hospitality and Entertainment  
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**Senator Bushby asked:**

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. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
6. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
7. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
8. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

**Answer:**

1. **Department:** The Department's hospitality spend as at 30 June 2012 was \$234,744.46. Please refer **Attachment A** for date, location, purpose and cost detail.

**Tourism Australia:** \$218,868. TA does not record details of individual meals shared as part of conducting business. Included in this spend are costs of TA's core functions of engagement with global, media, distribution and other relevant stakeholders.

**Geoscience Australia:** The total hospitality spend was \$69,626 for the 2011-12 financial year. Significant hospitality spends include:

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
12-16 March 2012	Northern Territory	Technical Advisory Group – Palaeovalley Groundwater project. Meals and refreshments for 22 people over four days	\$12,800
14-15 March 2012	Brisbane	Flood Vulnerability Stakeholder Meeting (QLD Floods)	\$4,275
30 November 2011	Canberra	Optical Geospatial, Radar and Elevation Open Day	\$4,191
3 April 2012	Perth	Information Briefing National Co2 Infrastructure Plan	\$3,792
8-9 March 2012	Canberra	Tasman Frontier Workshop	\$2,750
9-11 July 2011	Canberra	Intermagnet Meeting	\$2,635

2. The hospitality spend for the Minister's Office as at 30 June 2012 was \$16,553.50. Below are details for date, location, purpose and cost:

Month	Location	Purpose	Amount
7 July 2011	International	Meeting	\$9,586.10
8 August 2011	International	Meeting	\$2,782.73
9 September 2011	ACT	Meeting	-\$85.00
10 October 2011	International	Meeting	\$1,002.41
<b>Total Hospitality expense (Minister)</b>			<b>\$13,286.24</b>

3. **Department:** The Department's entertainment spend as at 30 June 2012 was \$13,777.45. Below are details for date, location, purpose and cost:

Month	Location	Purpose	Amount
Jul 2011	ACT	Planning Day	\$1,816.35
Aug 2011	ACT	Planning Day Secretary's awards	\$106.64 \$6,750.00
Oct 2011	ACT	Planning Day	\$597.73
Nov 2011	ACT	Planning Day	\$553.09
Dec 2011	ACT	EOY Grad function Graduates Ceremony	\$450.00 \$2,363.64
<b>Total Hospitality expense (Minister)</b>			<b>\$12,637.45</b>

**Tourism Australia:** Entertainment costs are included in the TA hospitality spend detailed in question 1: \$218,868.

**Geoscience Australia:** There was no entertainment spend for Geoscience Australia (GA) in the 2011-12 financial year.

4. The entertainment spend for the Minister's Office as at 30 June 2012 was NIL.
5. There is no hospitality spend currently being planned by the Minister's Office.
6. **Department:** There is no entertainment spend currently planned by the Department.

**Tourism Australia:** In 2012-13 TA has budgeted for \$185,855 for entertainment and hospitality costs. Due to the volume of events, it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to itemise these events.

**Geoscience Australia:** There is no entertainment spend currently planned by GA.

7. There is no entertainment spend currently planned by the Minister's Office.
8. **Department:** The Department reviews its departmental expenses regularly and endeavours to reduce costs where possible.

**Tourism Australia:** For 2012-13, TA has budgeted \$185,855 for entertainment and hospitality costs. This is a projected reduction of 15 per cent from 2011-12. TA will achieve decreases in entertainment and hospitality by reducing staff travel.

**Geoscience Australia:** GA expects to make savings against hospitality expenditure due to reductions in travel.

## ATTACHMENT A

Month	Location	Purpose	Amount
Jul 2011	ACT	Gifts for O/Seas Officials	\$210.27
		Info Session	\$490.91
		Meeting	\$702.01
		Refreshment	\$66.18
		Working - Lunch/Dinner	\$375.61
		Workshop	\$218.20
	International	Meeting	\$9,744.70
VIC	Meeting	\$38.50	
	Working - Lunch/Dinner	\$419.55	
WA	Workshop	\$3,679.00	
Aug 2011	ACT	Gifts for O/Seas Officials	\$71.82
		Meeting	\$1,405.29
		Refreshment	\$6.52
		Training	\$103.82
		Working - Lunch/Dinner	\$179.91
	International	Meeting	\$3,531.39
	NSW	Meeting	\$182.36
		Refreshment	\$2,000.00
	QLD	Workshop	\$5,630.00
	TAS	Meeting	\$254.45
VIC	Consultation session	\$219.64	
	Meeting	\$1,839.49	
WA	Meeting	\$154.09	
Sep 2011	ACT	Gifts for O/Seas Officials	\$506.87
		Meeting	\$1,061.03
		Training	\$78.64
		Working - Lunch/Dinner	\$778.73
	International	Meeting	\$191.52
	NSW	Conference/Seminar	\$12,363.63
		Meeting	\$1,464.09
		Working - Lunch/Dinner	\$121.09
		Workshop	\$144.00
	QLD	Meeting	\$860.36
Workshop		\$17,788.35	
SA	Meeting & Workshop	\$376.36	
VIC	Conference/Seminar	\$123.18	
	Meeting	\$10,858.65	
	Workshop	\$18,947.27	
Oct 2011	ACT	Meeting	\$5,806.52
		Refreshment	\$15.11
		Working - Lunch/Dinner	\$192.64
		Workshop	\$128.91
	International	Meeting	\$5,779.38

	NSW	Meeting	\$321.00
		Workshop	\$5,836.36
	QLD	Meeting	\$17.32
	VIC	Meeting	\$993.00
Nov 2011	ACT	Conference/Seminar	\$1,585.86
		Meeting	\$3,919.06
		Refreshment	\$227.27
		Workshop	\$2,110.00
	International	Meeting	\$7,738.13
	NSW	Meeting	\$492.91
		Working - Lunch/Dinner	\$2,935.66
	SA	Conference/Seminar	\$3,403.96
TAS	Meeting	\$204.81	
VIC	Meeting	\$786.36	
	Refreshment	\$13.90	
	Working - Lunch/Dinner	\$1,014.23	
Dec 2011	ACT	Meeting	\$1,981.82
		Refreshment	\$79.63
		Working - Lunch/Dinner	\$1,640.90
	NSW	Meeting	\$1,020.00
VIC	Meeting	\$84.55	
Jan 2012	ACT	Gifts for O/Seas Officials	\$73.64
		Meeting	\$488.59
		Refreshment	\$513.74
	VIC	Refreshment	\$50.91
Feb 2012	ACT	Consultation session	\$545.45
		Gifts for O/Seas Officials	\$256.32
		Meeting	\$7,156.67
		Training	\$245.45
		Working - Lunch/Dinner	\$60.36
		Workshop	\$918.09
	International	Meeting	\$3,886.74
	NSW	Conference/Seminar	\$4,611.37
		Meeting	\$16,197.20
	NT	Consultation session	\$218.18
	QLD	Conference/Seminar	\$2,400.00
		Consultation session	\$929.55
Working - Lunch/Dinner		\$1,116.82	
SA	Consultation session	\$36.36	
VIC	Meeting	\$1,443.64	
WA	Consultation session	\$545.45	
	Meeting	\$221.16	
	Workshop	\$6,555.45	
Mar 2012	ACT	Gifts for O/Seas Officials	\$110.45
		Meeting	\$731.46
		Working - Lunch/Dinner	\$574.63

	International	Working - Lunch/Dinner	\$1,888.36
	NSW	Consultation session Meeting	\$2,073.55 \$556.74
	NT	Meeting Working - Lunch/Dinner	\$4,927.27 \$1,612.27
	TAS	Consultation session	\$102.09
	VIC	Meeting	\$763.64
	WA	Meeting Working - Lunch/Dinner	\$951.64 \$2,331.82
Apr 2012	ACT	Gifts for O/Seas Officials Info Session Meeting Working - Lunch/Dinner Workshop	\$126.00 \$315.00 \$180.64 \$54.18 \$1,538.52
	International	Meeting	\$405.74
	NSW	Meeting	\$497.73
	VIC	Workshop	\$692.50
May 2012	ACT	Conference/Seminar/Meeting	\$90.62
	SA	Meeting Refreshment	\$370.91 \$30.55
	VIC	Conference/Seminar Meeting	\$68.63 \$854.54
Jun 2012	ACT	Gifts for O/Seas Officials Info Session Planning Day	\$643.72 \$154.55 \$5,978.18
<b>Total Hospitality Expense ( Department )</b>			<b>\$222,614.29</b>