

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2012-13 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross

**Question No:** 420

**Topic:** Hospitality and Entertainment

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator McKenzie** asked:

What is the Department/Agency planning on spending on hospitality? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.

For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

**Answer:**

Hospitality is used when required, for business purposes, which is separate to spending on planned events held across Australia to recognise important and significant dates, including:

- Australia Day Awards
- National Anniversary of the Apology
- National Families Week
- International Women's Day
- Seniors Week
- Mental Health Week
- Reconciliation Week
- NAIDOC week
- Empowering Women to Lead
- White Ribbon Day
- International Day for People with Disability.

The breakdown of event information for the Department is not readily available without the use of significant resources.

The Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries' office costs are managed by the Department of Finance and Deregulation (DoFD) and therefore this aspect of the question should be directed to DoFD.