

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2013-14, 5/6 & 7 June 2013**

**Question: E13-065**

**OUTCOME:** 0 - Whole of Portfolio

**Topic:** Hospitality and Entertainment

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Smith

**Question:**

- a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- b) 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 all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- c) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- d) 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 all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- e) What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- f) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- g) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- h) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- i) 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?

**Answers:**

Details of total Hospitality Expenditure (including any catering and drinks) for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013 and event details are as follows:

- a) The Department of Health and Ageing's hospitality spend for this financial year to date is \$16,805

**Department of Health and Ageing**

<b>Payment Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cost of Hospitality (GST exclusive)</b>
11-Jul-12	National Press Club, Canberra	Staff attendance at speech by National President of Alzheimer's Australia	\$72
27-Jul-12	Adelaide	Staff participation in the Corporate Cup walk/run event	\$316
1-Aug-12	National Press Club, Canberra	Staff attendance at speech by Chair of the National Mental Health Commission	\$285
6-Aug-12	Chianti Restaurant, Adelaide	National Aged Care Conference dinner	\$601
9-Aug-12	Hotel Realm, Canberra	Executive Assistant of the Year annual dinner.	\$1,527
9-Aug-12	Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra	Department's registration for Dragon Boat Challenge Regatta for Breast Cancer	\$818
23-Aug-12	Hotel Realm, Canberra	Business planning forum	\$160
24-Aug-12	Department of Health and Ageing, Canberra	Staff awards and recognition function	\$219
24-Aug-12	Hotel Realm, Canberra	Business planning forum	\$310
29-Aug-12	National Press Club, Canberra	Staff attendance at speech by Race Discrimination Commissioner	\$210
6-Nov-12	Brisbane Marriott Hotel, Brisbane	Welcome reception for Pacific Senior Health Officials Network annual meeting	\$708
7-Nov-12	Customs House, Brisbane	Official dinner for Pacific Senior Health Officials Network annual meeting	\$2,610
8-Nov-12	Brisbane Marriott Hotel, Brisbane	Farewell dinner for Pacific Senior Health Officials Network annual meeting	\$1,266
29-Nov-12	Courgette Restaurant, Canberra	Farewell function	\$112
4-Dec-12	National Gallery of Australia, Canberra	ACT Chief Minister's inclusion awards	\$109

<b>Payment Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cost of Hospitality (GST exclusive)</b>
18-Dec-12	Department of Health & Ageing, Canberra	Portfolio Chief Executive Officers' meeting	\$464
19-Dec-12	Department of Health & Ageing, Canberra	Purchase for minor ad hoc hospitality events	\$91
21-Feb-13	Artespresso Restaurant, Canberra	Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation 50th Meeting	\$1,400
6-Mar-13	National Press Club, Canberra	International Women's Day event	\$73
19-Mar-13	National Press Club, Canberra	Staff attendance at speech by Alzheimer's Australia National President	\$640
21-Mar-13	Department of Health & Ageing, Canberra	Meeting regarding Centenary of Canberra & APS recognition	\$34
17-Apr-13	'The Loft' North Restaurant, Adelaide	Australian Health Protection Principal Committee dinner	\$1,241

#### **Therapeutic Goods Administration**

<b>Payment Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cost of Hospitality (GST exclusive)</b>
25-Sep-12	Italian Village Restaurant, Sydney	Welcome dinner for the International Medical Device Regulators Forum Committee meeting	\$1,205
1-Apr-13	Therapeutic Goods Administration, Canberra	Gifts provided to international delegates	\$181

#### **National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS)**

<b>Payment Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cost of Hospitality (GST exclusive)</b>
19-Jul-12	Maritime Museum Terrace Room, Sydney	After conference hospitality for Inventory Multi-tiered Assessment and Prioritisation Launch	\$842
17-Dec-12	NICNAS Boardroom, Sydney	Executive meeting	\$100

**Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR)**

<b>Payment Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cost of Hospitality (GST exclusive)</b>
20-Mar-13	Pulp Kitchen, Canberra	Dinner for delegation from Bhutan	\$372
24-May-13	Brassey of Canberra, Canberra	Gene technology Ethics and Community Consultative Committee dinner	\$764

b) Ministerial and Parliamentary hospitality spend for this financial year to date is \$554.

**Minister for Health**

<b>Payment Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cost of Hospitality (GST exclusive)</b>
29-Nov-12	Canberra, ACT	Breakfast meeting, Female Genital Mutilation discussion with Victorian Health Stakeholders	\$77
12-Dec-12	Melbourne, Victoria	Meeting with Victorian Health Stakeholders	\$477

- c) Note that hospitality and entertainment have the same definition under the Department's Finance Business Rules. Refer to Question a) above.
- d) Note that hospitality and entertainment have the same definition under the Department's Finance Business Rules. Refer to Question b) above.
- e) The Department's corporate systems do not allow for this information to be collected in one report. Therefore, to provide the level of detail requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources which the Department is not currently in a position to undertake.
- f) Nil.
- g) Please refer to answer e) above.
- h) Nil.
- i) The Department continues to seek to reduce and minimise expenditure on hospitality, for example utilising the Departments' own facilities including video conferencing facilities implemented in early 2012. The Department does not specifically budget in the forward estimates by this class of expenditure.