

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES - 20 OCTOBER 2011 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment

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Senator: McKenzie

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Question:

- a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
- b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for the year 2010-11. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
- c) What is the Department's entertainment spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
- d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for the year 2010-11. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
- e) What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
- f) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
- g) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
- h) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

Answer:

- a) & c) The Department's financial systems combine hospitality and entertainment. The following table includes hospitality and entertainment spend for the financial year 2010-11, encompassing official hospitality, gifts, and food and beverage:

Agency	Amount
DHS	\$23,636.25
CRS Australia	\$205,230.00
Centrelink	\$1,332,413.92
Medicare	\$391,748.61
Total	\$1,953,028.78

Due to the large amount of information recorded in the systems, the compilation of a response to provide details for date, location, purpose and cost of events would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.

- b) Nil.
- d) Nil.
- e) At this stage of the financial year it is not possible to accurately estimate the whole-of-year expenditure for 2011-12.
- f) At this stage of the 2011-12 financial year there are no plans for expenditure on hospitality for the Minister's office.
- g) See (e).
- h) See (f).