Division/Agency: Australian Taxation Office
Question No: AET 34
Topic: ATO Functions
Reference: Written
Senator: Bilyk

Question:

1. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc since 1 October 2016, can the following please be provided:
   - List of functions;
   - List of attendees;
   - Function venue;
   - Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);
   - Details of any food served;
   - Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and
   - Details of any entertainment provided.

Answer:

Function	Attendees	Venue	Food
Official lunch	Delegates from National Tax Agency Japan and ATO officials	Brisbane QLD	Lunch with refreshments
Official lunch	Dignitaries and officials from Australia Indonesia Partnership for Economic Governance	Bandung, Indonesia	Lunch
Official lunch	Delegates from Government of Indonesia and ATO officials	Sydney NSW	Lunch
Official dinner	Delegates from General Directorate of Taxation, Cambodia and ATO officials	Melbourne VIC	Dinner with refreshments
Stakeholder	Super industry representatives and ATO officials	ATO office Sydney NSW	Nil
Official lunch	State	Sydney NSW	3 course lunch

Function	Attendees	Venue	Food
	Administration of Taxation China and ATO officials		with refreshments
Site visit	Heads of Australian Government Agencies and ATO officials	ATO office Melbourne VIC	Afternoon tea
Official lunch	Delegates from National Tax Agency Japan and ATO officials	Brisbane QLD	Dinner with refreshments

No entertainment was provided for any function. The total cost of all functions was $4,843.79 (GST exclusive*).

*The ATO reports on the net cost to the ATO, which is the standard accounting treatment for reporting. Whilst the ATO will pay invoices inclusive of GST, the GST is claimed back. Hence the net cost to the ATO is the GST-exclusive amount and therefore is what is reported.