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4 - 6 June 2013

Question: BET 586-590

Topic: Hospitality & Entertainment

Written: 17 June 2013

Senator BUSHBY asked:

- 586. What is the department/agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date*? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
- 587. What hospitality spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
- 588. What is the department/agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date*?

 Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
- 589. What entertainment spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
- 590. 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?

Answer:

586 & 588. The Australian Bureau of Statistics spent \$18,946.04 (exclusive of GST) on hospitality and entertainment for the financial period 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013.

These amounts relate to expenditure used to facilitate the conduct of public business within and between Commonwealth agencies; or with external organisations and agencies; or with external organisations or individuals with related vocational, technical or business interests.

The date, location, purpose and cost of all events are listed in the attached Table 1.

587, 589 & 590.

Spending proposals are decided on a case by case basis with consideration of the purpose for hospitality / entertainment, which is to facilitate the conduct of public business within and between Commonwealth agencies; or with external organisations and agencies; or with external organisations or individuals with related vocational, technical or business interests.

^{*}Financial year to date – 31 May 2013

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Table 1: Hospitality / Entertainment for YTD May 2012-13

Hospitality - Senate Estimates - YTD Expenditure May 2013

Date	State	City	Purpose	\$ Amount
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18/05/2012	ACT	Canberra	Offical visit - SNZ delegation - Lunch	85.91
15/05/2012	NT	Darwin	Offical visit - NT Tresury delegates - Lunch	120.00
11/05/2012	ACT	Canberra	Offical visit - Research Institute for Employment, Germany delegate - Dinner	128.82
19/07/2012	ACT	Canberra	Offical visit - US Census Bureau delegate - Lunch	158.18
15/05/2012	VIC	Melbourne	Offical visit - Indonesian delegation - Dinner	171.64
25/05/2012	ACT	Canberra	Offical visit - Indonesia delegation - Lunch	195.36
09/05/2012	ACT	Canberra	Offical visit - Korean International delegates - Dinner	196.36
06/06/2012	ACT	Canberra	Offical visit - Vietnamese delegation - Lunch	201.71
23/11/2011	ACT	Canberra	Offical visit - Indonesian visitors delegates - Lunch	227.18
16/07/2012	ACT	Canberra	Offical visit - US Census Bureau delegate - Dinner	241.82
16/07/2012	ACT	Canberra	Offical visit - Korean Statistic delegation - Lunch	246.36
23/05/2012	ACT	Canberra	Offical visit - Indonesia delegates - Lunch	281.70
19/07/2012	ACT	Canberra	Offical visit - Bus tour for International visitors	446.88
14/06/2012	ACT	Canberra	Offical visit- International delegation - Dinner	562.00
30/05/2012	Italy	Rome	Official visit -International delegates - Dinner	792.24
28/06/2012	ACT	Canberra	Offical visit - International Visitor Networking - Dinner	1,250.91
23/05/2012	Washington	DC	Offical visit - ABS & Ext Shareholder - Dinner	380.15
09/05/2011	ACT	Canberra	Offical visit - Pacific delegation - Dinner	367.77
18/04/2012	ACT	Canberra	Offical visit - Cambodia delegation - Dinner	643.80
31/05/2012	ACT	Canberra	Offical visit- Peter Cosier Wentworth Group of Scientists - Dinner	62.00
01/08/2012	ACT	Canberra	Offical visit - Gerald from SPC - Drinks	66.34
15/05/2012	ACT	Canberra	Offical visit- EURO Statistic delegates- Lunch	180.91
07/08/2012	ACT	Canberra	Offical visit - Statistics Korea delegates - Dinner	282.64
09/08/2012	ACT	Canberra	Offical visit - Bangladesh delegation - Dinner	594.00
11/06/2012	Brazil		Offical visit - Nat Stat & International Agencies - Dinner	1,020.50
19/07/2012		Adelaide	Offical visit - South Korean Delegation & RRNSC - Dinner	1,080.18
05/06/2012	ACT	Canberra	Offical visit - Vietnamese delegation - Dinner	1,252.73
08/08/2012	ACT	Canberra	Offical visit - Bangladesh delegation - Lunch	148.73
10/09/2012		Brisbane	Official visit - Indian delegation - Lunch	113.64
19/07/2012		Adelaide	Official visit - Mational Korean Govt Agencies delegates - Dinner	127.27
11/09/2012	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - Indian delegation - Dinner	112.45
13/09/2012	ACT	Canberra		125.45
07/08/2012	VIC	Melbourne	Official visit - Indian delegation - Lunch	380.00
		Canberra	Official visit - ABS Police Statistitian's Group from Australasia - Dinner	
07/09/2012	ACT NSW		Official visit - Statistic New Zealand delegation- Lunch	22.73
12/09/2012		Sydney	Official visit - Indian delegation - Lunch	123.18
24/09/2012	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - Statistic New Zealand delegation - Dinner	366.36
18/10/2012	New Caledoni		Official visit - NSO delegates and PSSC Members - Dinner	583.59
11/10/2012		Melbourne	Official visit - BPS BRU delegation - Dinner	674.09
05/09/2012	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - Statistic New Zealand delegation - Dinner	748.18
05/09/2012		Canberra	Official visit - Statistic New Zealand delegation - Dinner	748.18
25/10/2012	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - International Delegation - Lunch	39.13
25/10/2012		Canberra	Official visit - International Delegation - Lunch	58.69
19/11/2012		Canberra	Official visit - International Delegation - Lunch	103.64
07/11/2012	NSW	Sydney	Official visit - National Corrective Services Statistics Unit Advisory Group - Dinner	292.27
13/11/2012	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - Indonesia Delegates -Dinner	411.91
10/12/2012	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - NZ Delegates - Dinner	327.00
20/11/2012	Indonesia	Jakarta	Official visit - World bank Delegates - Lunch	101.89
05/12/2012	Indonesia	Jakarta	Official visit - Indonesian Delegates - Dinner	430.00
26/02/2013	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - Thailand Delegates - Lunch	79.09
28/02/2013	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - Statistics Malaysia - Lunch	126.36
21/03/2013	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - Stats NZ Delegation - Dinner	256.00
02/04/2013	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - NZ Delegates - Lunch	259.49
01/05/2013	NT	Darwin	Official visit - Timor Delegation - Dinner	327.27
08/05/2013	NT	Darwin	Official visit - Timor-Leste - Catering	621.36
			Total YTD Hospitality Expenditure May 2013	18,946.04