

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

**Treasury Portfolio**

Budget Estimates

2017 - 2018

**Division/Agency:** Australian Taxation Office

**Question No:** 15

**Topic:** Functions

**Reference:** Written

**Senator:** Bilyk, Catryna

**Question:**

In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the ATO since 1 March 2017, 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	Itemised list of costs (GST exclusive) <sup>1</sup>	Food
Quarterly Whole of Government Public Financial Management meeting	Various departmental staff	ATO office Canberra	\$5.68	Refreshments
ATO and Revenue Office meeting	State Revenue Commissioner representatives and ATO staff	ATO office Melbourne	\$226.67	Lunch
Australian Business Register (ABR) business advisory forum	External representatives and ATO staff	ATO office Sydney	\$182.73	Lunch
Lunch and learn community event	Local Business representatives and ATO staff	ATO office, Wollongong	\$1,163.73	Lunch

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<b>Function</b>	<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Itemised list of costs (GST exclusive)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Food</b>
Taxpayer and ATO workshop	External representatives and ATO officials	ATO office, Melbourne	\$22.27	Coffee
Public Groups and International event	ATO staff	ATO office, Melbourne	\$45.45	Refreshments
Deputy Commissioner visit	ATO staff	ATO office, Brisbane	\$41.54	Refreshments
ABR discussions with the Department of Agriculture	Department of Agriculture representatives and ATO staff	ATO office, Penrith	\$123.64	Morning tea and lunch
Modernisation of business registries	Department of Industry representatives and ATO staff	ATO office Canberra	\$45.27	Lunch
Behavioural insights showcase	Various departmental staff and ATO staff	ATO office, Canberra	\$47.73	Refreshments
Cultural awareness session	External speakers and ATO officials	ATO office Wollongong	\$172.73	Refreshments
ANZAC day event	Naval Officers and ATO staff	ATO office, Parramatta	\$39.54	Refreshments
Division 7A workshop	Treasury and ATO staff	ATO office, Canberra	\$10.76	Refreshments
Dispute resolution working group	External representatives and ATO staff	ATO office, Sydney and Melbourne	\$25.45	Coffee
Private Groups & High Wealth Individuals (PGH) technical conference	External presenters and ATO staff	ATO office, Hobart	\$609.09	Lunch and refreshments
PGH formal taxpayer interviews	Taxpayers, ATO staff, legal representatives	ATO office, Brisbane	\$52.50	Refreshments

<b>Function</b>	<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Itemised list of costs (GST exclusive)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Food</b>
PGH formal taxpayer interviews	Taxpayers, ATO staff, legal representatives	ATO office, Brisbane	\$57.24	Refreshments
PGH formal taxpayer interviews	Taxpayers, ATO staff, legal representatives	ATO office, Brisbane	\$49.77	Refreshments

*Note: No alcohol or entertainment was provided.*