

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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20 December 2013

Question: SBT 486-494

Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment

Written: 25 November 2013

Senators LUDWIG and WONG asked:

486. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for all the events provided under 'Meeting Costs' including any catering and drinks costs.
487. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from 7 September 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
488. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from 7 September 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
489. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from 7 September 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
490. 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.
491. 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.
492. 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.
493. 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.
494. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are they?

Answer:

486. The department does not have information at this level of detail readily available. The compilation of this data in order to respond to this question would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.
487. The Treasury does not distinguish between hospitality and entertainment. Refer to attachment A.
488. The Treasury does not distinguish between hospitality and entertainment. Refer to attachment B.
489. Refer to response 487.

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490. Treasury does not budget specifically for hospitality or entertainment. As events are identified, they are costed and paid from the existing Treasury budget.
491. Refer to response 490.
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494. The Treasury continues to pursue saving in supplier costs.

Attachment A

Event Date	Location	Description	GST Exclusive Amount
14-Nov-13	Parliament House Catering - ACT	Standing Council on Federal Financial Relations Dinner	\$3,521.78
		Total Financial Year to date - 31st May 2013	\$3,521.78

Attachment B

Event Date	Location	Description	GST Exclusive Amount
10-Sep-13	Malamay Restaurant - ACT	Welcome Dinner hosted for NDRC Delegations	\$1,089.55
11-Sep-13	Flying Fish Restaurant - NSW	Dinner hosted for NDRC Delegations with RBA	\$917.73
13-Sep-13	The Brisbane Club - Qld	Board of Tax Board Meeting Lunch	\$696.95
21-Oct-13	Kitchen Witchery - ACT	Official lunch for the Swiss Delegation	\$838.64
22-Oct-13	Department of the Treasury	Official Dinner for the Korean Delegation	\$364.62
12-Nov-13	Cruise Bar Restaurant Events - NSW	Takeovers Panel - National Panel Day	\$5,000.00
13-Nov-13	Department of the Treasury	Beverages for Official Functions	\$1,173.26
14-Nov-13	The Ottoman Restaurant - ACT	Treasury Heads of Corporate Dinner	\$519.09
14-Nov-13	I'm Angus Restaurant - NSW	ARFP Working Group Dinner	\$1,534.14
20-Nov-13	Department of the Treasury	Treasury Alumni Function	\$795.45
21-Nov-13	Porkbarrel Café - ACT	Lunch with Neil Warren, Seminar Series Presenter	\$89.00
21-Nov-13	Department of the Treasury	Beverages for Official Functions	\$334.03
22-Nov-13	The Ottoman Restaurant - ACT	Official lunch with Korean ADB Executive Director Yoon	\$230.00
26-Nov-13	Lemon Grass Thai Restaurant - ACT	Deputies Heads of Treasuries Official Dinner	\$399.00
27-Nov-13	Intercontinental Sydney - NSW	Australia/New Zealand Leadership Forum Dinner	\$697.27
		Total 7 September to 30 November 2013	\$14,678.73