

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

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20-21 November 2013

**Question: SBT 495-499**

**Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment**

**Written: 25 November 2013**

**Senators LUDWIG and WONG asked:**

495. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for all the events provided under 'Meeting Costs' including any catering and drinks costs.
496. 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.
497. 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.
498. 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.
499. 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:**

495. The Australian Bureau of Statistics spent \$1,424.54 (exclusive of GST) from 1 September 2013 to 30 November 2013 on Hospitality and Entertainment under 'Meeting Costs' including any catering and drinks costs.
496. The Australian Bureau of Statistics spent \$1,586.18 (exclusive of GST) on hospitality and entertainment for the financial period from 1 September to 30 November 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.

- 497-499. 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.

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**Table 1: Hospitality / Entertainment for YTD November 2013-14**

Hospitality - Senate Estimates - YTD Expenditure November 2013 .

<b>Date</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>\$ Amount (Excl GST)</b>
07/10/2013	VIC	Melbourne	Official visit - Timorese Delegates - Lunch	40.44
11/10/2013	VIC	Melbourne	Official visit - Timorese Delegates - Lunch	43.64
08/10/2013	VIC	Melbourne	Official visit - Timorese Delegates - Lunch	337.95
09/10/2013	VIC	Melbourne	Official visit - Philippines and Timorese Delegates - Lunch	360.00
10/10/2013	VIC	Melbourne	Official visit - Philippines Delegates - Dinner	804.15
			<b>Total YTD Hospitality Expenditure November 2013</b>	<b>1,586.18</b>