

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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2015 - 2016

**Department/Agency: RAM**

**Question: SBT 2428-2436**

**Topic: Hospitality**

**Reference: written - 30 October 2015**

**Senator: Wong, Penny**

**Question:**

Since 1 January 2015:

2428. What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs.
2429. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
2430. What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
2431. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
2432. 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.
2433. 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.
2434. 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.
2435. 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.
2436. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

**Answer:**

2428. Hospitality spend for the Mint over the period was \$17,811.37 (ex-GST).

2429. Nil response.

2430. Entertainment spend for the Mint was \$110,005.52 (ex-GST). This related to the celebration of the Mint's 50th anniversary of opening on the 21st February 2015 held at the National Arboretum. Tickets and product sales contributed to funding these events decreasing the majority spend detailed above.

2431. Nil response.

2432. Nil response – hospitality costs are incurred in line with operational business needs to manage relationships with customers and suppliers.

2433. Nil response.

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2434. Nil response.

2435. Nil response.

2436. The Royal Australian Mint actively monitors expense against budget to ensure costs are minimal.