

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

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Department/Agency: Treasury

Question: SBT 2558-2568

Topic: Aqua Dining

Reference: written - 02 November 2015

Senator: Bilyk, Catryna

Question:

Aqua Dining

2558 - Can the Treasurer please advise the Senate the total cost incurred by the Commonwealth in relation to a Treasury function held at Aqua Dining in Sydney (Austender contract notice CN2551952 refers)?

2559 - What was the purpose of this function?

2560 - Can a list of attendees be provided?

2561 - Can a list of food served at this function please be provided together with itemised costs?

2562 - Can a list of beverages served at this function please be provided including the name and vintages of any wines or champagnes together with itemised costs?

2563 - Can the Treasurer please provide an itemised list of any other costs incurred in relation to this function?

2564 - Did the Treasurer or a representative of the Treasurer attend this function? If so, can a copy of any speech delivered by or on behalf of the Treasurer please be provided?

2565 - Did any of the Treasurer's personal staff attend this function? If so can a list please be provided?

2566 - Can the Treasurer please advise the CN numbers for any other Contract Notices published on Austender in relation to this function?

2567 - Was the Treasurer or his office briefed on this function? If so, on what date(s) did this occur?

2568 - Who authorised the expenditure on this function?

Answer:

2558 - \$12,025

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2559 - The dinner brought together Trade Ministers from G20 member and 2014 G20 guest countries in an informal setting as part of the 2014 G20 Trade Ministers Meeting. This was consistent with G20 practice that hosts of ministerial meetings provide hospitality for visiting ministers. It was managed by Treasury on behalf of DFAT on a cost-recovery basis.

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Hon Joe Hockey MP, Treasurer, **Australia**

Hon Edward Fast PC, MP, Minister of International Trade, **Canada**

Ms Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister Of State (Independent Charge), Commerce and Industry, **India**

HE Mr Yoshimasa Hayashi, Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, **Japan**

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Mr Ian Livingston, Minister of State for Trade and Investment, **UK**

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Ms Tim Groser , Minister of Trade, **New Zealand**

Mr Amedeo Teti, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Development, **Italy**

Ms Anabel Gonzalez, Senior Director, **World Bank**

Hon Andrew Robb AO MP, Minister for Trade and Investment, **Australia**

HE Mr Toshimitsu Motegi , Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, **Japan**

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Hon Michael Froman, **United States** Trade Representative

Mr Sem Fabrizi, Ambassador , **European Union**

Ms Zoe Mckenzie , Office of the Minister for Trade and Investment, **Australia**

Mr Grant Lovett, Office of the Treasurer, **Australia**

2561- Menu (see below) – costs were not attributed on an item by item basis

2562 - No

2563 - \$1,186 (excluding GST) for Audio visual services and \$500 (excluding GST) for flowers

2564 - The Treasurer attended as a guest of the G20 Trade Ministers.

2565- See list of attendees at 2561

2566 - There are no other contracts on Austender relating to this event. The additional costs at item 6 were not gazetted because they are below \$10,000.

2567 – No. It was a Trade Ministers Function

2568 - The expenditure was authorised by a Treasury delegate on behalf of DFAT under a tripartite MOU.

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MENU

Ormeggio sour dough bread and olive oil

Entrée (alternately)

Confit South Australian calamari, cauliflower cous cous, squid ink dressing

Beef Battuta, quail egg, capers, chips, mustard leaves (GF)

Onion and Porcini Soup (V)

Main (alternately)

Salmon, fennel puree, red cabbage, raspberry glaze, black sesame (GF)

Lamb backstrap stuffed with mushroom & chestnut, pumpkin, sherry vinegar

Risotto, cauliflower, native peppers, balsamic vinegar (V)

Sides

Sugar snaps, lemon oil

Green beans, lemon oil

Cocktail potatoes, garlic, rosemary

(One of each side per table)

Dessert (alternately)

Semi dried pear, creme fraiche, star anise granita

Warm chocolate cake, licorice, mandarin & cardamom sorbet

Tea/Coffee

Shared Cheese Platters served along with Port & Frangelico