

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: Treasury

Question: SBT 347-355

Topic: Hospitality

Reference: written - 30 October 2015

Senator: Wong, Penny

Question:

Hospitality

Since 1 January 2015:

347 What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs.

348 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.

349 What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

350 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.

351 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.

352 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.

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354 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.

355 Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

Answer:

347. The Department spent \$24,274 (refer to attachment A). Total spending including the Ministers' Offices is \$39,788. The Treasury does not have the information readily available to split expenses between catering and drinking costs. To split these costs would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

348. Treasurer – Refer to Attachment B

Assistant Treasurer – Nil

Minister for Small Business – Refer to Attachment C

Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer – Nil

349. The Treasury does not distinguish between hospitality and entertainment.

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355. The Treasury continues to pursue savings in supplier costs.

Attachment A

Event Date	VENUE	Description	Value of Entertainment (GST Incl.)
25-Mar-15	Merchant at Rialto - VIC	Asia Pacific Takeovers Regulators Welcome Conference Dinner	\$5,359
30-May-15	The Langham Hotel- NSW	Competition Law Conference 2015	\$170
23-Mar-15	Peppers Gallery Hotel	Heads of Treasurer's Dinner	\$1,250
23-Mar-15	Courgette Restaurant	Heads of Treasurer's Dinner	\$1,193
11-Jun-15	Vue Events at Rialto	Legislative and Governance Forum of Consumer Affairs function	\$8,825
12-Jun-15	Absinthe French Restaurant, Singapore	Business Lunch with Austrade and DFAT	\$918
15-Jun-15	Monster Kitchen and Bar	Executive Board Dinner to Host the IMF	\$2,480
19-Aug-15	Ottoman Cuisine	Dinner to host PNG Delegation	\$1,329
24-Aug-15	Wild Duck	Dinner to host Indonesia Delegation	\$2,750
		Total	\$24,274

Attachment B

Event Date	VENUE	Description	Value of Entertainment (GST Incl.)
08-Apr-15	Mezzalira Restaurant - ACT	Treasurer's Dinner - Council on Federal Financial Relations	\$1,361
12-May-15	Parliament House	Treasurer's Budget Night Drinks	\$9,425
		Total	\$10,786

Attachment C

04-May-15	CPO Brisbane	Women in Business Event	\$405
11-May-15	Parliament House	Small Business Launch for Members – 11 May	\$282
12-May-15	Parliament House	Budget Night for Stakeholders Event	\$766
13-May-15	Parliament House	Women In Business Event	\$2,723
16-Jun-15	Fyshwick	Small Business Breakfast – Tradies Toolbox Stakeholder Engagement	\$552
		Total	\$4,728