

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Shared Services Centre

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000220

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing.

Functions

Question

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister .

Include:

(a) The guest list of each function

(b) The party or individual who initiated the request for the function

(c) The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function

(d) A list of drinks consumed at the function

2. Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office. Breakdown by item, quantity and cost.

Answer

1. There has been one formal function since 14 September 2015.

Ministerial Meeting with Indonesian Education Minister 30 November 2015	
a.	Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck, Mr Adam Luckhurst, then Branch Manager, Policy and Systems, Indonesian Minister Baswedan and seven members of his delegation and four Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Staff Members.
b.	Minister Baswedan's visit was facilitated by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The visit was funded by the Indonesian Government and was part of a series of visits to Australia by senior Indonesian officials to study Australia's education system.
c.	There was no order of events as it was a diplomatic delegation.
d.	Tea and coffee.

2. A list of wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages purchased by the Minister's office since 14 September 2015 broken down by item, quantity and cost is below:

Description	Quantity	Total Price
Beer	1 carton	\$46.99
Wine (mixed red and white)	28 bottles	\$509.15
Sparkling Wine	5 bottles	\$114.63
Total		\$670.77