

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates 26 May-6 June 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Hospitality and entertainment

Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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Question:

- a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date including any catering and drinks costs.
- b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- c) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- e) 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.
- f) 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.
- g) 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.
- h) 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.
- i) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

Answer:

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- a) See Attachment A for details of official hospitality for the period 1 February 2014 to 31 May 2014 for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C). In the rare case that entertainment costs are incurred by PM&C the costs are not recorded separately from official hospitality.
- b) The Prime Minister's official hospitality is provided through administered funding appropriated for State Occasions and Official Visits and Ceremonial Hospitality. Further to details provided in PM227 for February 2014 Additional Estimates and Senate Question on Notice No. 45, details of official hospitality for official functions in the period 26 January 2014 to 31 May 2014 are provided at Attachment B.
Other less significant hospitality is funded from departmental funds for support of portfolio ministers' offices. No departmental hospitality costs for portfolio ministers have been incurred for the period 1 November 2013 to 31 May 2014. Entertainment provided at official functions hosted by the Prime Minister is also provided through funding appropriated for CERHOS. For the period 1 February 2014 to 31 May 2014 details of entertainment spend are provided at Attachment B.
- c) See answer provided in (a) above.
- d) See answer provided in (b) above.
- e) to i) PM&C does not allocate budget specifically for official hospitality and entertainment. As events are identified, they are expensed and paid for from the existing PM&C budget or the existing State Occasions and Official visits budget.

Attachment A

**Official Hospitality (Departmental Funding)
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

Date	Location (City)	Details	2013-14
			GST Inclusive Amount
11/12/2013 *	Sydney	G20 Sherpa Meeting 1 - Sherpa press briefing and working lunch	300.00
11/12/2013 *	Sydney	G20 Sherpa Meeting 1-Welcome Reception for international Sherpas & delegations	10,849.80
11/12/2013 *	Sydney	G20 Sherpa Meeting 1-Troika Dinner-Attendees were the Australian, Russian & Turkish Sherpas & their lead delegates.	2,520.00
12/12/2013 *	Sydney	G20 Sherpa Meeting 1-Working Lunch-Attendees were all the international Sherpas & the engagement group lead delegates.	4,680.00
12/12/2013 *	Sydney	G20 Sherpa Meeting 1 -Working Dinner-Attendees were Sherpas & one lead delegate from each country	5,022.48
12/12/2013 *	Sydney	G20 Sherpa Meeting 1 -Working Dinner attended by remainder of the international & Australian delegates	6,500.00
13/12/2013 *	Sydney	G20 Sherpa Meeting 1-Sherpa Working Lunch-Attendees were all the international Sherpas & the engagement group lead delegates	4,200.00
13/12/2013 *	Sydney	G20 Sherpa Meeting 1-Farewell Reception-Attendees were Sherpas, international delegates, Australian government delegates & engagement group's representatives.	10,000.00
28/02/2014	Sydney	CAPPI pre-retreat dinner	1,105.00
19/03/2014	Canberra	Dinner hosted by Cyber Policy Branch for international delegation	3,808.00
26/03/2014	Uluru, NT	G20 Sherpa Meeting 2 - Welcome Reception (26/03/14), Sherpa Working Dinner (26/03/14), Cultural Dinner (27/03/14 and 28/03/14)	5,385.32
26/03/2014	Uluru, NT	G20 Sherpa Meeting 2-Sherpa Working Dinner-Attendees were Sherpas & delegates from each country	7,750.00
27/03/2014	Uluru, NT	G20 Sherpa Meeting 2-Cultural Dinner-Attendees were Sherpas & delegates from each country	24,700.00
28/03/2014	Uluru, NT	G20 Sherpa Meeting 2-Cultural Dinner-Attendees were Sherpas & delegates from each country	10,787.84
27/03/2014	Gundaroo, ACT	CSG Forum Dinner	1,695.50
15/04/2014	Brisbane	G20 Lunch for Indonesian Delegation Site Inspection	476.00
6/05/2014	Paris, France	G20 Trade Meeting with international officials	3,854.32

* Event occurred in December 2013 and the invoice processed in February 2014. Due to the timing these expenses did not appear in the previous answer to Question on Notice SE14-345 from the Additional Estimates in February 2014

Attachment B

**2013-14
Official Hospitality (Administered Funding) - Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

		Category:	Official Hospitality	Entertainment	Amount
		Period Covered:	1 November 2013 to 31 May 2014	1 February 2014 to 31 May 2014	
Date	Location (City)	Details	GST Inclusive	GST Inclusive	GST Inclusive
Host: The Hon Tony Abbott					
26/01/2014	Canberra	Reception to Celebrate Australia Day 2014	36,528.20		36,528.20
13/01/2014	Canberra	Prime Minister's XI versus England Cricket Match - Reception	9,768.50		9,768.50
14/01/2014	Canberra	Prime Minister's XI versus England Cricket Match - Dinner	15,888.40		15,888.40
07/02/2014	Sydney	Reception on the occasion of the visit by the Right Honourable John Key, Prime Minister of New Zealand	2,746.88		2,746.88
07/02/2014	Sydney	Dinner in honour of the Right Honourable John Key, Prime Minister of New Zealand	1,299.64		1,299.64
25/03/2014	Canberra	Reception to Farewell Her Excellency the Governor-General of Australia and His Excellency Mr Michael Bryce	31,377.50	1,650.00	33,027.50
03/04/2014	Perth	Luncheon in honour of The Right Honourable Dato' Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia	2,278.00		2,278.00
24/04/2014	Canberra	Reception in the presence of Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge	33,914.50	9,618.00	43,532.50
01/05/2014	Canberra	Reception on the occasion of the Council of Australian Governments Meetings	323.63		323.63
01/05/2014	Canberra	Dinner for Premiers, Chief Ministers and the President of ALGA - COAG	713.44		713.44
02/05/2014	Canberra	Luncheon on the occasion of the Council of Australian Governments Meeting	757.67		757.67