

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-2015

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

Topic: Hospitality

Senator: Senator Wong

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Type of question: Written

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Question:

- (1) What is the total cost of hospitality since 11 February 2014?
- (2) For each hospitality event please advise
 - a. host
 - b. date
 - c. location
 - d. nature of event, and
 - e. cost?

Answer:

- (1) From 11 February 2014 to 31 May 2014, the Office has spent \$2,050.91 on hospitality.
- (2) The breakdown on hospitality is provided below.

Host	Date	Location	Nature of Event	Cost
Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	4 Apr 14	Red Ochre Grill	The Office receives aid funding for the Pacific Ombudsman Alliance. The Pacific Ombudsman Alliance hosted a members' dinner to close the annual members meeting on 4 April 2014. The Pacific Ombudsman Alliance is a mutual support and assistance network	\$2,050.91

Host	Date	Location	Nature of Event	Cost
			<p>contributing to good governance, accountability and integrity in public administration in the Pacific. The members' dinner was an approved activity, funded by with Australian Aid and New Zealand Aid funding, to develop regional networks and information sharing between Ombudsman and allied integrity institutions within the Pacific.</p>	