

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Supplementary Budget Estimates 18-22 November 2013

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 for this all events including any catering and drinks costs.

b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from 7 September 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 7 September 2013 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 7 September 2013 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.

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i) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items?  
If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are they.

**Answer:**

- a) For the period 1 September 2013 to 31 October 2013 the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) spent \$692.60 (inclusive) on official hospitality. Details are provided at Attachment A.  
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. For the period 1 September 2013 to 31 October 2013 the official hospitality spend was \$2,533.89 (GST inclusive). Details 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 September 2013 to 31 October 2013. Entertainment provided at official functions hosted by the Prime Minister is also provided through funding appropriated for CERHOS. For the period 1 September 2013 to 31 October 2013. No costs were incurred for entertainment.
- c) See answer provided in a) above.
- d) See answer provided in a) and b) above.
- e) to i) PM&C does not allocate budget specifically for official hospitality and entertainment. As events are identified, they are costed and paid for from the existing PM&C budget or the existing State Occasions and Official visits budget.

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

			2013-14
Date	Location (City)	Details	GST Inclusive
			Total Amount
Oct-13	Canberra	OECD Delegation Dinner	97.10
Sep-13	Brisbane	G20 taskforce dinner with US Embassy staff	595.50
<b>Total expenditure</b>			<b>\$ 692.60</b>

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## Official Hospitality (Administered Funding) - Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

			Official Hospitality	Entertainment	Total Amount
Date	Location (City)	Details	GST Inclusive	GST Inclusive	GST Inclusive
Host: The Hon Tony Abbott					
2-Oct-13	Canberra	Dinner in honour of the Right Honourable John Key, Prime Minister of New Zealand (Prime Minister's Dining Room at Parliament House)	358.37		358.37
5-Oct-13	Kirribilli House	Reception in honour of his Royal Highness Prince Henry of Wales	2,175.52		2,175.52
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