

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office

Outcome/Program:

Topic: Hospitality and entertainment

Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

- 1) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from 7 September 2013? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.
- 5) 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.
- 6) 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.
- 7) 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.
- 8) 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.
- 9) 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:

Q1. The amount spent on official hospitality for the period 7 September 2013 to 30 November 2013 was \$978.64. Please see table below for details:

Host	Date	Location	Nature	Cost
ANAO	26/9/2013	Canberra	International Federation of Accountants meeting	113.64
ANAO	26/10/2013	Canberra	Indonesian delegation visit	150.45
ANAO	2/11/2013	Canberra	Indonesian delegation visit	113.64
ACAG	22/11/2013	Canberra	Meeting of the Australasian Council Auditor's General	45.00
ACAG	22/11/2013	Canberra	Meeting of the Australasian Council Auditor's General	55.00
ANAO	30/11/2013	Canberra	Retirees and past workers morning tea	500.91
			Total	978.64

Q2. Nil. The ANAO incurred no hospitality spend for Ministers or the Parliamentary Secretary office.

Q3. Amounts spent on entertainment are included in the official hospitality response for Question 1.

Q4. Nil. The ANAO incurred no entertainment spend for Ministers or the Parliamentary Secretary office.

Q5. In aggregate terms the ANAO has budgeted \$14,000 for official hospitality (which includes entertainment) for the 2013-14 financial year.

Q6. No hospitality spend is planned for Ministers or the Parliamentary Secretary office.

Q7. Amounts budgeted for entertainment are included in the official hospitality response for Question 5.

Q8. No entertainment spend is planned for Ministers of the Parliamentary Secretary office.

Q9. The ANAO does not expect significant changes to official hospitality or entertainment expenditure over the forward estimates. The annual spend on official hospitality can vary based on the number of international delegation visits. However, the ANAO continues to closely monitor expenditure in this area and will contain annual spend within budget expectations.