

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

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Australian Public Service Commission

**Outcome/Program:** Cross Portfolio

**Topic:** Hospitality and entertainment

**Senator:** 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.

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.

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**Answer:**

- a) The Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) spent \$14,656 excluding GST on hospitality and entertainment for this financial year to 30 November 2013.
- b) The APSC does not record hospitality and entertainment data in a way that would readily allow answers to be provided to these questions. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of the APSC's resources.
- c) The APSC does not record entertainment expenditure to the level requested by this question.
- d) The APSC does not provide hospitality or entertainment for the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary office.
- e) The APSC does not record plans for hospitality to the level requested by this question.
- f) Not applicable
- g) Not applicable
- h) Not applicable
- i) Not applicable