

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 19-23 October 2015

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet  
**Outcome/Program:** Outcome 1: Prime Minister and Cabinet  
**Topic:** Ministerial official functions

**Senator:** Ms Catryna Bilyk

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**Question:**

In relation to any official functions hosted in 2015 by the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, the Minister for Women and Minister Assisting the Minister for the Public Service, the Cabinet Secretary, the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Digital Government, the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Counter-Terrorism, the Assistant Minister for Productivity, the Assistant Cabinet Secretary or the Assistant Ministers to the Prime Minister, can the following please be provided to the Senate:

- List of functions;
- List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff;
- Function venue;
- Itemised list of costs;
- Details of any food served;
- Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and
- Details of any entertainment provided.

**Answer:**

For the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, official hospitality expenses have been provided in previous Questions on Notice (refer to Additional Estimates 23-27 February 2015 PM166 and QoN 1430).

For the period 1 July 2015 to 31 October 2015, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) spent \$1,680.85 (GST incl.) on official hospitality (refer to Attachment A). In the rare case that entertainment costs are incurred by PM&C, the costs may not be recorded separately from official hospitality.

For each instance of official hospitality, the Department is able to provide details on the date, location, function description and total spend, but is unable to determine the cost breakdown for meals, drinks, wait staff and list of all attendees without an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources. Items costing \$10,000 or more are reported through Austender. For this particular question, there are no such items

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Hospitality**

				Official Hospitality
Date	Location	Host	Details	1 July 2015 to 31 October 2015
				<b>GST Inclusive</b>
21-Jul-15	Sydney	DPM&C	Hon Alan Tudge dinner with Expert Advisory Panel Members ahead of Leaders' retreat.	1,006.00
06-Aug-15	Thursday Island	DPM&C	Dinner with the Torres Strait Regional Authority Chairman and local Mayors.	674.85
			<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>\$ 1,680.85</b>

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