

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

**Program: General/Attorney-Generals Department**

**Question No. AE17/098**

**Senator Bilyk asked the following question at the hearing on 28 February 2017:**

In relation to expenditure on any departmental functions or official receptions etc since October 2016, can the following please be provided:

1. List of functions;
2. List of attendees;
3. Function venue;
4. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);
5. Details of any food served;
6. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and
7. Details of any entertainment provided.

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

In preparing its response to this question on notice, the department has interpreted the meaning of the word "function" to mean a gathering or occasion of which the primary purpose is the provision of hospitality.

The Departments response to questions 1-7 are at attachment A, other than for the Australian Government Solicitor (AGS). AGS maintains a separate accounting system that is designed specifically for use in legal practices. As its accounting system does not separately capture information of this kind, it would require an unreasonable diversion of resources to respond to this question.

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17-Oct-16	Indonesia Study Tour on Australian Crisis Coordination Mechanisms	Officials from AGD, AFP, Indonesian Coordinating Ministry for Political, Legal and Security Affairs, and Indonesian Embassy	Wild Duck Fine Asian restaurant,	\$1,828.50	Standard dinner banquet	House red and white wine	Nil
10-Nov-16	Prosecutor Pairing Program	Officials from AGD, Sri Lanka Attorney-General's Office and Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions	Cafe Macchiato Bourbon Bar	\$327.27	Dinner	Nil	Nil
17-Nov-16	Indonesia Attorney General's Office Study Tour	Officials from AGD and Indonesian Attorney-General's Office	Ottoman Cuisine Restaurant	\$673.50	Standard lunch banquet	Nil	Nil
10-Jan-17	Vietnam Supreme People's Procuracy	Officials from AGD, Supreme People's Procuracy, Dept. of International Cooperation & Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, Phu Tho Province's Procuracy, Nam Dinh Province's Procuracy, Quang Ninh Province's Procuracy, Dept. Foreign Affairs.	Ox Eatery in Kingston	\$654.60	Dinner	Nil	Nil

28-Feb-17	Malaysia Workshop on Counter-Terrorism Financing	Officials from AGD, DFAT, AFP and Malaysian law, justice and security agencies)	Double Tree Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	\$2,542.97	Appetizers/hors d'oeuvres	Nil	Nil
2-Mar-17	PNG drafting workshop official dinner	Officials from AGD, PNG Financial Analysis and Supervision unit, PNG department of Justice and Attorney General, PNG Investment Promotion Authority, PNG Department of Prime Minister and National Executive Council, ACT Parliamentary Counsel's office, Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre.	Monster Kitchen and Bar	\$1,418.18	Dinner	Nil	Nil
08-Mar-2017	Indigenous Employment Network Meet and greet	10 members of the departments Indigenous Employee Network	Brodburger, Canberra Glassworks, Kingston	\$208.50	Hamburgers and chips	Nil	Nil