

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Topic: Hospitality and entertainment

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
3. What is the Department's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

Answer:

Q1 & 3: The office's hospitality and entertainment spend for this financial year to date was \$3,552 (GST-inclusive). Details are as follows:

Official Hospitality - The Office of Commonwealth Ombudsman financial year 2011-12 up to date			3,552.30	3,248.84
			GST Inclusive	GST Exclusive
Date	Location	Details	GST Inclusive	GST Exclusive
Nov-11	Canberra	Working lunch with overseas delegation	187	170
Sep-11	Canberra	Occupational Health & Safety activities	347	315
Sep-11	Canberra	Working dinner for official visitors	438	398
Aug-11	Canberra	Work trip to Indonesia for official gifts	338	307
Aug-11	Canberra	Work trip to Indonesia for official gifts	48	44
Aug-11	Canberra	Work trip to Indonesia for official gifts	49	44
Jul-11	Canberra	Working dinner	116	105
Jan-12	Canberra	Working lunch with overseas delegation	265	241
Sep-11	Canberra	Working lunch with official visitors	429	409
Aug-11	Canberra	Working dinner	1,338	1,216
Total:			3,552	3,249

Q2 & 4: Not applicable

Q5 & 7: For the rest of the year the office is planning to spend \$2,690 (GST-inclusive) on hospitality and entertainment. Details are as follows:

Official Hospitality - The Office of Commonwealth Ombudsman' planning on spending			2,690.00	2,500.00
			GST Inclusive	GST Exclusive
Date	Location	Details	GST Inclusive	GST Exclusive
Mar-12	Canberra	Dinner for senior government officials from Indonesia	880	800
Apr-12	Canberra	Dinner with long-term placement from Ombudsman Commission PNG	330	300
Jun-12	Canberra	Dinner for senior government officials from Peru	880	800
Jun-12	TBA	Dinner for host country of the POA Board meeting	600	600
Total			2,690	2,500

Q6 & 8: The office does not provide hospitality support for Minister or Parliamentary Secretary office staff.