

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2012-2013**

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman**

**Outcome/Program: 1**

**Topic: Hospitality and entertainment**

**Senator: Ryan**

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**Question:**

- (1) 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 all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- (2) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- (3) 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 all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 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 cost
- (8) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?

**Answer:**

- (1) The office does not provide hospitality support for Minister or Parliamentary Secretary office staff.
- (2) The Office's entertainment spend for this financial year to date is \$2,178. This was for attendance at the Pacific Ombudsman Alliance (POA) members meeting over 10-12 November 2012, at the Museum Hotel, Wellington, New Zealand.
- (3) The office does not provide hospitality support for Minister or Parliamentary Secretary office staff.
- (4) Nil.
- (5) The office does not provide hospitality support for Minister or Parliamentary Secretary office staff.
- (6) Nil.
- (7) The office does not provide hospitality support for Minister or Parliamentary Secretary office staff.
- (8) No.