

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates Hearing – May 2010

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Outcome General, Program General

Topic: Hospitality Spends

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Senator Barnett asked:

- a) What is the Department's hospitality spend FYTD?
- b) Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
- c) For each Minister/Parl Sec's office, please detail total hospitality spend FYTD.
- d) Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

Answer:

The Department of Finance and Deregulation's (Finance's) hospitality spend, financial year to date up to 27 May 2010, is approximately \$4,653.87, of which \$768.18 relates to the Office of the Minister for Finance and Deregulation. For the same period, Finance's hospitality spend for the Special Minister of State was 'nil'. Details are provided at [Attachment A](#).

DATE OF EVENT	LOCATION OF EVENT	PURPOSE	COST
12/05/2009*	Parliament House, Canberra, ACT	Budget Night cocktail drinks for the Minister of Finance and Deregulation and guests.	*\$768.18
17/07/2009	Department of Finance and Deregulation, Parkes, ACT	Economist Group Luncheon hosted by the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Deregulation.	\$311.36
27/08/2009	Hyatt Hotel, Canberra, ACT	Com-3 Risk Management Conference.	\$174.00
3/10/2009	Woden, ACT	Senior Finance Officer hosted lunch for 3 Indonesian Finance delegates.	\$50.18
17/11/2009	Hyatt Hotel, Canberra, ACT	Com-4 Awards for Excellence Conference.	\$456.00
30/11/2009	Old Parliament House, Canberra, ACT	Portfolio Secretaries' Dinner, jointly hosted by the Secretaries of PM&C and Finance.	\$930.42
12/03/2010	Ottoman Restaurant, Barton, ACT	Lunch with a senior fellow from the Centre for American Progress and senior executives from Finance, Treasury and PM&C following a presentation on better regulation policy.	\$718.18
11/04/2010	Mascot, NSW	Official gift for Senior Indonesian Officials.	\$208.91
27/04/2010	Old Parliament House, Canberra, ACT	Portfolio Secretaries' Dinner, jointly hosted by the Secretaries of PM&C and Finance.	**\$1036.64

*Invoice was paid on 15 July 2009 and forms part of the Department's hospitality spend FYTD.

** Finance's share of the costs.