

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

Budget Estimates Hearing 24 May-3rd June 2010

**Question: PM63**

**Topic: Hospitality**

**Type of Question: Written**

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

**Answer:**

- a) The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has previously submitted a response to Additional Estimates QoN PM64a-d which requested details on official hospitality for the period 1 July 2009 to 28 February 2010.

For the period 1 March 2010 to 31 May 2010, the Department spent \$25,230.32 (GST inclusive) on official hospitality.

- b) Details are provided in Attachment A.
- c) A nil response has been provided for the offices of the:
  - Cabinet Secretary, Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig
  - Former Cabinet Secretary, Senator the Hon John Faulkner
  - Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Government Service Delivery, Senator the Hon Mark Arbib
  - Parliamentary Secretary, the Hon Anthony Byrne MP

The Prime Minister's official hospitality is provided through funding appropriated for State Occasions and Official Visits, Ceremonial and

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Hospitality (CERHOS) Domestic and the Pacific Islands Forum (part d refers).

This may also include some expenditure by portfolio ministers under CERHOS domestic.

- d) The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, on behalf of the Prime Minister, administers the following:

	<b>Expenditure FYTD on Hospitality 1 March 2010 to 31 May 2010 (GST inclusive)</b>
<b>Ceremonial and Hospitality - State Occasions and Official Visits</b>	\$139,593

To gather the detailed information required to provide an answer to this question would require a substantial and unreasonable diversion of resources.