

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES 24 MAY 2010

DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

Department/Agency: AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Outcome/Output Group: 1.1

Topic: Hospitality expenditure

Senator: Barnett

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: Friday 9 July 2010

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) \$19,590 has been spent on hospitality to date.

(b) The majority of the Commission's hospitality expenses relate to numerous small scale events and learning and development programmes, and take the form of snacks or sandwiches and the like. In a number of these circumstances the costs of hospitality are cost recovered from agencies as a component of the attendee fee. The hospitality in the main is provided to APS employees at all levels who attend these activities. The Commission utilises its own training facilities on most occasions for these activities or where required, due to numbers of nature of the activity, local hire venues in the respective capital cities on a value for money basis.

(c) The Commission has no expenses for hospitality for the Minister's office.

(d) Not applicable - see (c).

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