

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

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation

Outcome/Program: General

Topic: Entertainment Costs

Senator: Fifield

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Question:

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

Answer:

- a) \$35,170 (GST inclusive) for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011. Entertainment refers to expenditure incurred in organising functions or events where the primary purpose is of a social nature for staff.
- b) Refer Attachment A.
- c) Nil.
- d) N/A.

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Attachment A

DATE OF EVENT	LOCATION OF EVENT	PURPOSE	Total Cost
31/07/2010	Canberra	NAIDOC Week Catering	\$188
24/08/2010	Canberra	SES function	\$766
26/08/2010	Canberra	SES function	\$424
18/09/2010	Canberra	Finance Ball 2010	\$11,858
7/10/2010	Canberra	Budget Group function	\$361
28/10/2010	Canberra	Retirements Function	\$155
30/11/2010	Canberra	IT Representatives Function	\$1,421
3/12/2010	Canberra	Staff Christmas Party #	\$6,800
12/12/2010	Canberra	Budget Group function	\$107
15/12/2010	Canberra	Graduation function ^	\$691
16/12/2010	Canberra	SES function	\$613
17/12/2010	Canberra	Budget Group Function	\$167
17/12/2010	Canberra	Whole of government ICT Cadets and Apprentices Networking event ^	\$1,538
10/02/2011	Canberra	SES Function	\$616
16/05/2011	Canberra	Admin Professional's Day	\$3,925
12/05/2011	Canberra	SES function	\$759
7/06/2011	Canberra	Finance Ball deposits for 2011	\$1,650
Various	Canberra	Social club functions	\$3,131
Finance Total			\$35,170

This function was not held due to inclement weather. The food was donated to the Queanbeyan Floods volunteers and \$6,388.18 was recovered through insurance.

^ These events are cost recovered from the relevant agencies