

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
2. 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 each event.
3. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
4. 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 each event.
5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

Answer:

1 & 3. The office's hospitality and entertainment spend for this financial year to date was \$4,029 (GST-inclusive). Details are as follows:

Official Hospitality – The Office of Commonwealth Ombudsman financial year 2011-12 up to date			4,029.24 GST Inclusive	3,682.42 GST Exclusive
Date	Location	Details	GST Inclusive	GST Exclusive
Nov-11	Canberra	Working lunch with overseas delegation	187	170
Sep-11	Canberra	Occupational Health & Safety activities	347	315
Sep-11	Canberra	Working dinner for official visitors	438	398
Aug-11	Canberra	Working dinner	67	61
Oct-11	Canberra	Working lunch	120	109
Sep-11	Canberra	Working lunch with overseas delegation	61	56
Aug-11	Canberra	Work trip to Indonesia – official gifts	109	99
Aug-11	Canberra	Work trip to Indonesia – official gifts	338	307
Oct-11	Canberra	Working event membership	120	109
Aug-11	Canberra	Work trip to Indonesia – official gifts	48	44
Aug-11	Canberra	Work trip to Indonesia – official gifts	49	44
Jul-11	Canberra	Working dinner	116	105
Jan-12	Canberra	Working lunch with overseas delegation	265	241
Sep-11	Canberra	Working lunch with official visitors	429	409
Aug-11	Canberra	Working dinner	1,338	1,216
Total			4,029	3,682

2 & 4. Not applicable.

5 & 7. For the rest of the calendar year the office is planning to spend \$4,840 (GST-inclusive) on hospitality and entertainment. Details are as follows:

Official Hospitality – The Office of Commonwealth Ombudsman planned for calendar year up to 31 December 2012				\$4,840.00 GST Inclusive	\$4,470.00 GST Exclusive
DATE	LOCATION	Team	DETAILS	GST Inclusive	GST Exclusive
27-Jun12	Canberra	International	Working lunch for visiting Indonesian vice-ministerial delegation	440	400
28-Jun-12	Sydney	International	Working lunch for visiting Indonesian Ombudsman delegation	330	300
6-Aug-12	Canberra	International	Working dinner for visiting Peruvian delegation	880	800
17-Aug-12	Sydney	International	Working lunch for visiting Peruvian delegation	660	600
28-Sep-12	Canberra	International	Working dinner with long-term placement from Ombudsman Commission of PNG	330	300
10-Nov-12	Wellington	International	Working lunch for members of the Pacific Ombudsman Alliance (approx 20 people)	770	770
12 Oct-12	Canberra	International	Working dinner with long-term placement from Ombudsman Commission of PNG	330	300
1 Jul-31 Dec 12	Canberra/ State office	General Office	Working functions (3 times)	1100	1000

6 & 8. The office does not provide hospitality support for Minister or Parliamentary Secretary office staff.

9. The office does not anticipate reducing the related expenditure below the current level.