

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
Answers to written Questions on Notice  
Budget Estimates 2013  
Department of the Senate

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**Department/Agency:** Department of the Senate

**Topic:** Hospitality and Entertainment

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

**Question reference number:** 11

**Type of question:** Written

### Questions

- 1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date?  
Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.**

#### Answer

Amounts are GST exclusive

For this financial year to date, the department has spent a total of \$63,525 on hospitality.  
(Note: This total amount includes the department's 'entertainment' spend in Question 3). The details of non-entertainment spending are as follows:

| Date/s          | Location         | Purpose                                | Cost     |
|-----------------|------------------|--|----------|
| 1/7/11-31/05/13 | Parliament House | Various Procedure Office Training      | 9,539 *  |
| 1/7/11-31/05/13 | Parliament House | Various Legislative Committee meetings | 1,224    |
| 1/7/11-31/05/13 | Various          | Various Committee hearings             | 21,536   |
| 26/11/12        | Hyatt Hotel      | Lunch: Occasional lecture              | 346      |
| 12/12/12        | Parliament House | Lunch: OPC Secondment Program          | 169      |
| 21/1/13-24/1/13 | Parliament House | ANZACATT Conference catering           | 16,286 * |

*\*costs recouped from participants' fees*

- 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.**

#### Answer

Not applicable.

**3. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.**

**Answer**

Amounts are GST exclusive

For this financial year to date, the department has spent a total of \$14,426 on entertainment\*. (Note: This amount is a subset of department's 'hospitality' spend in Question 11 (1) above). The details of entertainment spending are as follows:

| Date/s          | Location         | Purpose                       | Cost     |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| 2/07/12         | Parliament House | Lunch: OPC Secondment Program | 152      |
| 1/7/11-31/5/13  | Parliament House | Lunch: Occasional lectures    | 365      |
| 21/1/13-24/1/13 | Parliament House | ANZACATT/Clerks' conferences  | 13,909** |

\* 'Entertainment' is defined according to FBT legislation

\*\*Costs largely recouped from participants' fees

**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.**

**Answer**

Not applicable.

**5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.**

**Answer**

It is expected that events similar to those outlined in the table in question 11 (1) will occur in the current year. However, there will not be any further ANZACATT Conference hospitality expenditure during this period.

**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.**

**Answer**

Not applicable.

**7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending?  
Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.**

**Answer**

It is expected that events similar to those outlined in the table for Question 11 (3) will occur in the current year. However, there will not be any further ANZACATT Conference entertainment expenditure during this period.

**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.**

**Answer**

Not applicable.

**9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items?  
If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?**

**Answer**

The department will continue to monitor expenditure on these items.