

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates 27-28 May 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of National Assessments

Outcome/Program: 1

Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

- What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

ONA Response:

Official Functions & Liaison year to date expenditure as at 31 May 2013: \$113,621. ONA's hospitality and entertainment expenditure relates to maintenance and management of foreign intelligence relationships. To attempt to provide a greater level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

Question:

- 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 all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- 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 all events including any catering and drinks costs.

ONA Response:

NIL

Question:

- What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

ONA Response:

Official Functions & Liaison total planned expenditure financial year to 30 June 2013: \$125,000. ONA's hospitality and entertainment expenditure relates to maintenance and management of foreign intelligence relationships. To attempt to provide a greater level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

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Question:

- For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

ONA Response:

None

Question:

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?

ONA Response:

ONA is reviewing all non-essential expenditure including these items. Reductions are expected on some hospitality expenditure.