

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Topic: Hospitality and entertainment

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for the year 2010-11. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
3. What is the Department's entertainment spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for the year 2010-11. 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.

Answer:

Q1 & 3: The office's hospitality and entertainment spend for the year 2010-11 was \$7023 (GST-inclusive). Details are as follows:

Date	Location	Details	GST Inclusive	GST Exclusive
Sep-10	Canberra	Working dinner with overseas delegation	1,228	1,116
Sep-10	Canberra	Working dinner with 4 -5 guests	274	249
Nov-10	Sydney	Work dinner for overseas delegation	380	345
Nov-10	Canberra	Working dinner for overseas delegation	137	124
Dec-10	Canberra	Working dinner with PNG Ombudsman delegation	110	100
Dec-10	Sydney	Workshop Catering Pacific Ombudsman Alliance	561	510
Dec-10	Vanuatu	Working dinner for officials Vanuatu Legislative reform forum	692	692
Dec-10	Canberra	Working dinner for leadership meeting	1,470	1,336
Jan-11	Canberra	Working dinner	171	155
Mar-11	Brisbane	Workshop catering	706	642
Jun-11	Honiara	Working lunch with local officials while overseas	1,186	1,186
Jun-11	Canberra	Working dinner for official visitors	109	99

Q2 & 4: Not applicable

Q5 & 7: For the financial year 2011–12 the office is planning to spend \$4924 (GST-inclusive) on hospitality and entertainment. Details are as follows:

Date	Location	Details	GST Inclusive	GST Exclusive
Aug-11	Canberra	National Leadership networking dinner	1,405	1,277
Sep-11	Canberra	Working lunch with overseas delegation	61	56
Sep-11	Canberra	Working dinner with DFAT officials	438	398
Dec-11	Canberra	Lunch with long-term placement from Ombudsman Commission PNG	330	300
Mar-12	Canberra	Dinner for senior government officials from Indonesia	880	800
Apr-12	Canberra	Dinner with long-term placement from Ombudsman Commission PNG	330	300
Jun-12	Canberra	Dinner for senior government officials from Peru	880	800
Jun-12	TBA	Dinner for host country of the POA Board meeting	600	600

Q6 & 8: The office does not provide hospitality support for Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office staff.