

Department/Agency: Department of the Senate

Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Type of question: Written

Question

- 1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.**

Answer

Amounts are GST exclusive

For 2011-12, the department spent a total of \$88,817 on hospitality. (Note: This total amount includes the department's 'entertainment' spend in Question 21). The details of non-entertainment spending are as follows:

Date/s	Location	Purpose	Cost
1/7/11-30/6/12	Parliament House	Various lunches for occasional lecturers	1,172
1/7/11-30/6/12	Parliament House	Various Procedure Office Training	36,159 *
1/7/11-30/6/12	Parliament House	Various Legislative Scrutiny Committee meetings	1,021
1/7/11-30/6/12	Various	Various other Committee hearings (including estimates)	46,654
1/7/11-30/6/12	Parliament House	Various meetings	378
27/07/2011	Parliament House	Function: Swearing in New Senators	609
			85,993

**costs recouped from participants' fees*

- 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for 2011-12. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.**

Answer

Amounts are GST exclusive

For 2011-12, the President of the Senate spent a total of \$13,016 on hospitality. (Note: This total amount includes the President's 'entertainment' spend in below). The details of non-entertainment spending are as follows:

Date/s	Location	Purpose	Cost
22/11/2011	Parliament House	Function: Senate Department Christmas Morning Tea	1,536

3. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.

Answer

For 2011-12, the department spent a total of \$2,824 on entertainment*. (Note: This amount is a subset of department's 'hospitality' spend in Question 1 above). The details of entertainment spending are as follows:

Date/s	Location	Purpose	Cost
12-14/7/2011	Parliament House	Function: For New Senators	2,550
30/05/12	Hyatt Hotel	Occasional Lecturer	189
29/06/2012	Hyatt Hotel	Occasional Lecturer	85

* 'Entertainment' is defined according to FBT legislation

4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for 2011-12. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

Answer

Amounts are GST exclusive

For 2011-12, the President of the Senate spent a total of \$11,480 on entertainment. (Note: This amount is a subset of President's 'hospitality' spend in Question 11). The details of entertainment spending are as follows:

Date/s	Location	Purpose	Cost
12/07/2011	Parliament House	Function: New Senators Dinner	1,751
21/09/2011	Parliament House	Function: Outgoing USA Delegation Dinner	991
26/08/2011	Parliament House	Function: Former Members Cocktails	1,002
21/11/2011	Parliament House	Function: Senators Christmas Reception	1,421
23/11/2011	Parliament House	Function: Heads of Mission Reception	2,225
9/02/2012	Parliament House	Function: Temporary Chairs of Committees	566
15/03/2012	Parliament House	Function: Outgoing Latin American Deleg. Dinner	1,565
11/04/2012	Parliament House	Function: Parliamentary Interns Reception	1,049
9/05/2012	Parliament House	Function: Association of Former Members	910

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