

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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**Question No. 119**

**Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 23 February 2009:**

What is the Department's hospitality spend for the 2008 calendar year and financial year to date?  
Please detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events.

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

The Department's hospitality spend for the 2008 calendar year totalled \$83,800.52, excluding GST. The Department's hospitality spend for the financial year to date has totalled \$61,830.60, excluding GST.

The table at **Attachment A** provides the date, location, purpose and cost of each event during the 2008 calendar year. The table at **Attachment B** provides the date, location, purpose and cost of each event for the financial year to date.

**Attachment A**

**Hospitality Expenditure for the 2008 Calendar Year**

<b>Date of function</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Total cost (excluding GST)</b>
15 January 2008	Lunch for President of the British Board of Film Classification	Bambini Trust Café, Sydney	\$90.91
21 January 2008	Lunch for meeting with Vietnam delegates IOM	Edo Japanese Restaurant, Vietnam	\$105.00
11 February 2008	Lunch for meeting with Cambodian delegation	Romdeng Restaurant, Cambodia	\$35.64 *
12-15 February 2008	Gifts for Asian Collaborative Group delegation	Tokyo, Japan	\$282.32
12 February 2008	Lunch for meeting with Cambodian delegation	Café Metro, Cambodia	\$39.42 *
13 February 2008	Dinner for meeting with Cambodian delegation	Malis Restaurant, Cambodia	\$496.56
14 February 2008	Dinner for Asian Collaborative Group	Mita Kaigisho, Tokyo, Japan	\$1,786.08
23 February 2008	Function with stakeholders of Tuvalu's Financial Intelligence Unit	Halavai Chinese Restaurant, Funafuti, Tuvalu	\$400.00
26 February 2008	Dinner for United States delegation to discuss key mutual assistance and extradition issues	The Lobby, Parkes, Canberra	\$566.36
26 February 2008	Dinner for New Zealand Ministry of Justice liaison meeting	Ottoman Restaurant, Barton, Canberra	\$540.82
26 - 28 February 2009	Catering for United States delegation to discuss key mutual assistance and extradition issues	Computer Associates House, Canberra	\$488.18
3 March 2008	Dinner for Family Relationship Services Program	The Deck, Regatta Point, Canberra	\$6,086.36 *
5 March 2008	Dinner for Family Relationships Centres' annual meeting	The Deck, Regatta Point, Canberra	\$5,550.00 *
14 March 2008	Catering for half day induction program for newly recruited PNG Enhanced Cooperation Program Deployees	Ottoman Restaurant, Barton, Canberra	\$243.64
10 April 2008	Working lunch for Parenting Orders Program Forum	Citigate Sebel Sydney	\$2,215.91 *
10 April 2008	Dinner for Parenting Orders Program Forum	Bia San Marco, Sydney	\$3,363.64 *
11 April 2008	Working lunch for Parenting Orders Program Forum	Citigate Sebel Sydney	\$2,215.91 *

17 April 2008	Dinner for International Crime Cooperation Workshop	Brisbane Cruise, Brisbane	\$3603.64
21 – 25 April 2008	Catering for Non Profit Organisation Workshop	Novotel, Nadi, Fiji	\$2,035.00
29 April 2008	Catering for Evaluation Governance Committee Meeting (evaluation of family law reforms)	Hotel Kurrajong, Barton, Canberra	\$639.09
15 May 2008	Working lunch with Federated States of Micronesia officials to discuss anti-money laundering arrangements	South Park Hotel, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia	\$299.40
21 May 2008	Lunch for National Peak Overseas Adoption Support Group meeting	Rydges, Capital Hill, Canberra	\$504.00 *
21 May 2008	Dinner for National Peak Overseas Adoption Support Group meeting	Rydges, Capital Hill, Canberra	\$1514.00 *
22 May 2008	Lunch for National Peak Overseas Adoption Support Group meeting	Rydges, Capital Hill, Canberra	\$528.00 *
2 June 2008	Catering for meeting for the Longitudinal Study of Separated Parents survey - evaluation of Family Relationship Services Program services	Computer Associates House, Barton, Canberra	\$115.18
2 June 2008	Working lunch for Children's Contact Services Forum	Mercure Grosvenor Hotel, Adelaide	\$3,973.64 *
2 June 2008	Dinner for Children's Contact Services Forum	National Wine Centre, Adelaide	\$7,993.73 *
3 June 2008	Working lunch for Children's Contact Services Forum	Mercure Grosvenor Hotel, Adelaide	\$3,973.64 *
16 June 2008	Catering for meeting with representatives of the Chinese legal profession	Rasa Sayang Restaurant, Dickson, Canberra	\$401.82
20 June 2008	Catering for meeting with Australian Institute of Family Studies	Hotel Kurrajong, Barton, Canberra	\$109.09
26 June 2008	Catering for Urban Search and Rescue Capability Development Project media release	EMA, Bruce	\$317.50
15 July 2008	Catering for Commonwealth Disaster Plan Review workshop	EMA Bruce	\$229.00
22 July 2008	Catering for Catastrophic Disaster Working Group, workshop consolidation meeting	EMA Bruce	\$200.00
22 July 2008	Catering for Evaluation Governance Committee meeting (evaluation of family law reforms)	Brassey Hotel, Barton, Canberra	\$437.27
29 July 2008	Lunch for National Peak Overseas Adoption Support Group meeting	Rydges, Capital Hill, Canberra	\$480.00 *
29 July 2008	Dinner for National Peak Overseas Adoption Support Group meeting	Belluci's Restaurant, Manuka, Canberra	\$829.73 *
30 July 2008	Lunch for National Peak Overseas Adoption Support Group meeting	Rydges, Capital Hill, Canberra	\$456.00 *
6 August 2008	Catering for cross Government agency workshop on development of tool to survey pre-reform family law clients	Computer Associates House, Barton, Canberra	\$135.73
7 August 2008	Dinner for Post Separation Cooperative Parenting Forum	Rydges, Capital Hill Canberra	\$1,909.09 *
14 – 15 August 2008	Catering for Remote Indigenous Communities Advisory Council - Culturally and	Elkira Resort Motel, Alice	\$718.18

	Linguistically Diverse meeting	Springs	
20 August 2008	Catering for Emergency Warning Systems Working Group (all jurisdictions)	EMA Bruce	\$265.00
23 August 2008	Dinner to farewell the former Secretary of the Attorney-General's Department	The Lobby, Parkes, Canberra	\$1913.00
26 August 2008	Catering for disaster relief and recovery and community resilience meeting with the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	EMA Bruce	\$206.50
3 September 2008	Catering for meeting with National Legal Aid	Artespresso, Kingston, Canberra	\$1206.80
3 September 2008	Dinner for Australian Adoption Conference	Limoncello Restaurant, Sydney	\$742.73 *
4 September 2008	Dinner for Australian Adoption Conference	Red Chille Restaurant, Sydney	\$354.55 *
9 September 2008	Catering for Commonwealth Disaster Plan Review Workshop	EMA Bruce	\$331.00
9 September 2008	Dinner for Family Relationship Centres' Staff Orientation Training	The Lobby, Canberra	\$3,800.00 *
10 September 2008	Catering for Hydration Status Monitor meeting (a joint project with USA)	EMA Bruce	\$62.00
11 September 2008	Catering for Whole-of-Government Incident Management Facility Duty Manager Workshop	EMA Bruce	\$159.00
12 September 2008	Catering for Urban Search and Rescue, Multi Jurisdictional Exercise, International Exercise Coordination - International Search and Rescue briefing	EMA Bruce	\$47.00
16 September 2008	Catering for Evaluation Governance Committee meeting (evaluation of Family Law reforms)	Brassey Hotel, Barton, Canberra	\$439.09
17 September 2008	Catering for Australian Disasters Conference 2009 - Steering Committee meeting	EMA Bruce	\$152.50
18 September 2008	Catering for Nepalese/Maldivian Fellows - Health Disaster Management Fellows Program 2008	EMA Bruce	\$188.50
23 September 2008	Catering for the Attorney-General's Department's Reconciliation Plan Launch	Attorney General's Department, Robert Garran Offices, Barton, Canberra	\$1218.00
2 October 2008	Catering for South African delegation visit	EMA Bruce	\$338.00
4 October 2008	Light luncheon, catering and dinner for the 50th Anniversary of Australian Sovereignty for Christmas Island	Administrator's residence, Hughs Dale waterfall car park and South Point historic railway station	\$500.00 **
20 October 2008	Dinner for Family Pathways Network Forum	Kitschen Restaurant, Braddon, Canberra	\$1,321.82 *
23 October 2008	Dinner for National Peak Overseas Adoption Support Group meeting	Moorish Café, Darwin	\$788.19 *
30 October 2008	Catering for Proceeds of Crime workshop	Solomon Kitano Mendana Hotel, Honiara, Solomon Islands	\$1,875.30

5 November 2008	Lunch for Intercountry Adoption Harmonisation meeting	Hotel Kurrajong, Barton, Canberra	\$432.73 *
6 – 7 November 2008	Lunch for Intercountry Adoption Central Authority meeting	Hotel Kurrajong, Barton, Canberra	\$1,527.27 *
7 November 2008	Catering for official function for Proceeds of Crime workshop	Solomon Kitano Mendana Hotel, Honiara, Solomon Islands	\$2,091.08
11 November 2008	Catering for Australian Safer Community Awards	Parliament House, Canberra	\$1784.09
14 November 2008	Dinner for Working Group on Legal Cooperation	Chairman and Yip Restaurant, Civic, Canberra	\$733.64
20 November 2008	Dinner for Financial Intelligence Unit /Transnational Crime Unit	Torres Spanish Cellars, Sydney	\$884.09
27 November 2008	Dinner for Administrative Review Council	The Realm, Barton, Canberra	\$363.34
10 December 2008	Lunch for Senior Executive Staff conference (Alfred Deakin Lunch)	Australian Federal Police College, Barton, Canberra	\$1612.00
11 December 2008	Lunch for Indonesian delegation visit	Tims Chinese Restaurant, Forrest, Canberra	\$280.00
17 December 2008	Catering and lunch for Parenting Advisors Training	Cliftons Training, Melbourne	\$721.36 *
18 December 2008	Catering for Tsunami Operational Coordination Group meeting	EMA Bruce	\$45.00
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8 January 2009	Catering for visit of Senior officials from the Chinese Ministry of Civil Affairs	EMA Bruce	\$40.00

22 January 2009	Lunch with the Director of the New Zealand Office of Film and Literature Classification and the Chief Executive Officer of the New Zealand Film and Labelling Office	Wharf Restaurant, Sydney	\$221.36
17 February 2009	Dinner for Algerian delegation visit	Ottoman Restaurant, Canberra	\$375.45
19 February 2009	Dinner for Inaugural Family Law System Conference	Parliament House, Canberra	\$28,129.00

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