

# Senate Estimates Response – Ministerial Hospitality

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Minister	Date	Location	Function Details	Total Attendees	Breakdown of Attendees (ie Minister, 2 advisers, 4 Dept reps etc)	Payment Method (credit card, invoice etc)	Cost (excl GST) <sup>(1)</sup>
MHA	07/05/08	Ottoman Restaurant	Dinner with New Zealand Minister for Customs	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minister for Home Affairs</li> <li>- Minister's Chief of Staff</li> <li>- Two senior Customs and Border Protection Service (CBPS) officials</li> <li>- New Zealand Minister for Customs</li> <li>- 3 officials accompanying New Zealand Minister for Customs</li> </ul>	Paid for by Minister for Home Affairs using credit card. Reimbursement provided by AGD through the lodgement of a claim for payment and accompanying invoice.	\$620.91 <sup>(1)</sup>
MHA	13/11/08	Watersedge Restaurant	Lunch with Indonesian Minister for Law and Human Rights	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minister for Home Affairs</li> <li>- Minister's Chief of Staff</li> <li>- Indonesian Minister for Law and Human Rights</li> <li>- Four officials accompanying Minister for Law and Human Rights</li> <li>- Two AGD officials</li> <li>- Two CBPS officials</li> <li>- One AFP official</li> <li>- One PM&amp;C official</li> </ul>	Invoice received into Minister's Office. Claim for payment form and invoice provided to AGD from Minister's Office for payment.	\$972.73 <sup>(2)</sup>
AG/MHA	26/11/08	National Gallery	End of year Ministerial address to Departmental Senior Executive and portfolio agency heads	70 (approx)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attorney-General</li> <li>- Minister for Home Affairs</li> <li>- AGD Secretary</li> <li>- AGD Senior Staff</li> <li>- AFP Commissioner</li> <li>- AFP Senior Staff</li> <li>- Customs CEO</li> <li>- Customs Senior Staff</li> <li>- Integrity Commissioner</li> <li>- First Parliamentary Counsel, Office of Parliamentary Counsel</li> <li>- Solicitor-General of Australia</li> <li>- ACC CEO</li> <li>- ACC Senior Staff</li> <li>- AUSTRAC CEO</li> <li>- AUSTRAC Senior Staff</li> <li>- CrimTrac CEO</li> <li>- CrimTrac Senior Staff</li> <li>- NCA Senior Staff</li> <li>- Acting Director AIC</li> <li>- AIC Senior Staff</li> <li>- ACT Chief Police Officer</li> <li>- Representative from PMO</li> <li>- Staff from Attorney-General's Office</li> <li>- Staff from Minister for Home Affairs' Office</li> </ul>	Invoice received into Minister's Office. Claim for payment form and invoice provided to AGD from Minister's Office for payment.	\$3,395.46 <sup>(3)</sup> (1,697.73 per Minister)

**Notes**

- (1) Original reported cost was \$620.10 (GST exclusive). The final cost reimbursed to Minister for Home Affairs was \$620.91.
- (2) Original reported cost was \$1,070.00 (GST exclusive). This figure was the GST inclusive total, the correct GST exclusive total was \$972.73.
- (3) Original approved cost for event was approximately \$3,614 (GST exclusive) to be attributed to both the Attorney-General and the Minister for Home Affairs at a cost of \$1,807 (GST exclusive) each. The final cost of the event was a total of \$3,395.46 (GST exclusive) which was attributed to both the Attorney and Minister at \$1,697.73 (GST exclusive) each.