

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

Sub Program All

Question No. 172

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 27 May 2009:

Please provide an update since the February 2009 Additional Estimates on the following questions:

- a) What is the Department's hospitality spending for this financial year to date?
- b) Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
- c) For each Minister/Parliamentary Secretary's office, please detail total hospitality spend for the financial year to date.
- d) Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

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

- (a) The Department's hospitality spend for the period 1 July 2008 to 27 May 2009 has totalled \$90,821.66, excluding GST.
- (b) The table at **Attachment A** provides the date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
- (c) Ministerial hospitality expenditure for the Attorney-General for the period 1 July 2008 to 27 May 2009 has totalled \$4,520.92, excluding GST. Ministerial hospitality expenditure for the Minister for Home Affairs for the financial year to date has totalled \$5,257.05, excluding GST.
- (d) The table at **Attachment B** provides the date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

Departmental Hospitality Expenditure for the Financial Year to Date

Date of function	Purpose	Location	Total cost (excluding GST)
15 July 2008	Catering for Commonwealth Disaster Plan Review workshop	EMA Bruce	\$229.00
22 July 2008	Catering for Catastrophic Disasters 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	Rydgcs, 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	Rydgcs 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	Rydgcs, Capital Hill, Canberra	\$1,909.09 *
14 – 15 August 2008	Catering for remote Indigenous Communities Advisory Council Culturally and Linguistically Diverse meeting	Elkira Resort Motel, Alice Springs	\$718.18
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, Parkes, 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 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	\$363.64
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
18 December 2008	Catering and lunch for Parenting advisors Training	Cliftons Training, Melbourne	\$627.27 *
19 December 2008	Catering and lunch for Parenting advisors Training	Cliftons Training, Melbourne	\$658.64 *
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
25 February 2009	Catering for Attorney-General's Department/Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Executive Level 2 meeting	Attorney-General's Department, Computer Associates House, Barton, Canberra	\$39.09
26 February 2009	Catering and lunch for National Alternative Dispute Resolution Advisory Council Committee meeting	Attorney-General's Department, Classifications Operations Branch, Sydney	\$146.82
27 February 2009	Catering and lunch National Alternative Dispute Resolution Advisory Council 46 th Council meeting	Attorney-General's Department, Classifications Operations Branch, Sydney	\$164.09
27 February 2009	Dinner for consultations on Home Office on Organised Crime Arrangements	Indian Diner, London	\$161.60
13 March 2009	Lunch for Administrative Review Council meeting	Attorney-General's Department Robert Garran Offices, Barton, Canberra	\$297.73
17 March 2009	Lunch for Evaluation Governance Committee meeting	Hotel Kurrajong, Barton, Canberra	\$318.19
18 March 2009	Lunch for Commonwealth Courts Forum meeting	Attorney-General's Department Robert Garran Offices, Barton, Canberra	\$128.45
26 March 2009	Lunch for Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Attorney-General's Department, Family Pathways Branch Branch Heads meeting	Attorney-General's Department, Computer Associates House, Barton, Canberra	\$103.09
27 March 2009	Lunch for Business-Government Advisory Group on National Security meeting	The Boat House By the Lake, Barton, Canberra	\$1902.73
30 March 2009	Welcome function for delegates attending the Pacific Regional Workshop on International Crime Cooperation	Medina Executive Apartments, Brisbane	\$721.90
30 March 2009	Welcome function for delegates attending the Pacific Regional Judicial Workshop on Proceeds of Crime and Money Laundering	The Quay West Suites, Brisbane	\$547.27
31 March 2009	Catering and lunch for International Family Law Section Stakeholders meeting	Hotel Kurrajong, Barton, Canberra	\$1,193.64
3 April 2009	Combined official dinner for delegates attending the Pacific Regional Workshop on International Crime Cooperation and the Pacific Regional Judicial Workshop on Proceeds of Crime and Money Laundering	Kookaburra Queen paddleboat, Brisbane River	\$5,909.00
3 April 2009	Afternoon tea to farewell former Official Secretary	Attorney-General's Department Offices, Norfolk Island	\$12.90

16 April 2009	Official Dinner for the 10 th Anniversary China-Australia Intercountry Adoption Program	Wangfujing Grand Hotel, Beijing, China	\$2,147.07
20 April 2009	Catering for Academics' Roundtable to gain a clearer idea of existing research in the area of counter-terrorism, discuss research gaps and identify research priorities.	Hotel Realm, Barton, Canberra	\$1825.00
20 April 2009	Official welcome dinner for Indonesian delegation – 'Fighting Crimes through International Legal Cooperation' Training Program Legal Training and Seminar Series	Harem Turkish Restaurant, Kingston, Canberra	\$844.09
24 April 2009	Official farewell lunch for Indonesian delegation – 'Fighting Crimes through International Legal Cooperation' Training Program Legal Training and Seminar Series	The Brasseley of Canberra, Barton, Canberra	\$785.45
29 April 2009	Catering and lunch for Family Relationship Services Program Working Group	Holiday Inn, Melbourne Airport	\$1,450.00
29 April 2009	Catering and lunch for Family Relationship Centres Senior Executives meeting	Holiday Inn, Melbourne Airport	\$1,033.00
30 April 2009	Catering and lunch Family Relationship Services Program Senior Executives meeting	Holiday Inn, Melbourne Airport	\$6,200.00
10 May 2009	Arrival lunch for Indonesian delegation – 'Prosecuting Transnational Crimes' Training Program Legal Training and Seminar Series	Abell's Kopi Tiam, Manuka, Canberra	\$84.09
12 May 2009	Hosted dinner for Madam Justice Louise Otis (retired judge of the Quebec Court of Appeal) and the Hon Justice Murray Kellam (Judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria and President of the National Alternative Dispute Resolution Advisory Council) to discuss judicial mediation and alternative dispute resolution generally.	RACV Club – Melbourne	\$171.50
14 May 2009	Official farewell dinner – Indonesian Delegation – 'Prosecuting Transnational Crimes' Training Program Legal Training and Seminar Series	Harem Turkish Restaurant, Kingston, Canberra	\$367.73
15 May 2009	Lunch for Administrative Review Council meeting	Attorney-General's Department, Robert Garran Offices, Barton, Canberra	\$215.00
18 May 2009	Official welcome lunch for Indonesian delegation and Melbourne Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions – 'Prosecuting Transnational Crimes' Training Program Legal Training and Seminar Series	RACV Club Dining Room, Melbourne	\$149.27
18 May 2009	Official welcome lunch – Indonesian delegation and Sydney Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions – 'Prosecuting Transnational Crimes' Training Program Legal Training and Seminar Series	Capital Thai, Sydney	\$151.00
22 May 2009	Dinner for Meeting of Heads of the Attorney-General's Portfolio Agencies	Ottoman Restaurant, Canberra	\$1921.36

* Meals provided in lieu of meal allowance

** Funded from administered budget

Attachment B

Attorney-General's Ministerial Hospitality Expenditure for the Financial Year to Date

Date of function	Purpose	Location	Total cost (excluding GST)
28/07/08	Meals and refreshments for Family Law System Roundtable	Parliament House	\$820.00
06/08/08	Welcome function for new Secretary of Attorney-General's Department	Parliament House	\$180.91
28/08/08	Morning tea to farewell outgoing Secretary of Attorney-General's Department	Parliament House	\$100.00
16/09/08	Farewell dinner with Solicitor-General	Parliament House	\$225.45
21/10/08	Welcome function for new Solicitor-General	Parliament House	\$54.55
26/11/08	End of year Ministerial address to Departmental Senior Executive and Portfolio Agency Heads <i>(jointly paid for by Attorney-General and Minister for Home Affairs)</i>	National Gallery of Australia	\$1,697.73
04/02/09	Afternoon tea to welcome 2009 Attorney-General's Department Graduates	Parliament House	\$329.55
19/02/09	Refreshments for meeting with judges from the Supreme Administrative and Administrative Courts of Thailand	Parliament House	\$153.64
23/02/09	Morning tea for Pacific Pro Bono Roundtable	Parliament House	\$886.36
24/03/09	Function with AFP secondees	Parliament House	\$72.73

Minister for Home Affairs' Ministerial Hospitality Expenditure for the Financial Year to Date

Date of function	Purpose	Location	Total cost (excluding GST)
06/08/08	Joint meeting with Minister for Immigration and Citizenship and officials from IOM and UNHCR	Ritz Carlton Hotel, Jakarta	\$270.05 (GST exempt)
13/11/08	Lunch for Indonesian Minister for Law and Human Rights as part of the Australasian Ministerial Forum	Watersedge Restaurant	\$972.73
26/11/08	End of year Ministerial address to Departmental Senior Executive and Portfolio Agency Heads (<i>jointly paid for by Attorney-General and Minister for Home Affairs</i>)	National Gallery of Australia	\$1,697.73
01/12/08	Morning tea with the Sporting Shooters and Firearms Advisory Council	Parliament House	\$304.55
19/02/09	Afternoon tea briefing with AFP, two Parliamentary Secretaries and advisors	Parliament House	\$98.36
26/02/09	Lunch meeting with Chief Minister of Norfolk Island	Parliament House	\$95.45
16/04/09	Official reception on Christmas Island with officials and community leaders	Community Hall, Christmas Island	\$1818.18