

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

**Program SPCG**

**Question No. 92**

**Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2010:**

Regarding hospitality:

- a. What is the Department's hospitality spend FYTD? Please detail date, location, purpose and total cost of each event.
- b. What is each Minister's Offices' hospitality spend FYTD? Please detail date, location, purpose and total cost of each event.

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

a. The total cost of Departmental hospitality from 1 July 2009 to 23 May 2010 (inclusive) is \$14,712.63:

- The Department's hospitality spend from 1 July 2009 to 7 February 2010 is detailed in the response to Question on Notice 118 from the Additional Estimates 2010 hearing.
- The Department's hospitality spend from 8 February 2010 to 23 May 2010 (inclusive) is detailed in the table below.

<b>Date of Function</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Total Cost (excluding GST)</b>
12 February 2010	Galleface Hotel, Sri Lanka	Official dinner for the Prosecuting People Smuggling and Legal Harmonisation Workshop	\$2,078.40
2 March 2010	The Boat House by the Lake, Canberra	Official dinner for an EU delegation undertaking a site visit hosted by the Department	\$1,475.91
4 March 2010	Tsindos Greek Restaurant, Melbourne	National Intercountry Adoption Advisory Group Dinner	\$685.40
21 April 2010	Waterfront Villages Restaurant, The Rocks, Sydney	Classification Enforcement Contacts Forum - Official Dinner	\$581.82
17 May 2010	Ruby Chinese Restaurant, Dickson	China Centre of Adoption Affairs Official Lunch	\$417.54
18 May 2010	Madam Woo's Restaurant	Central Authorities Official Dinner	\$228.35

b. For the period 1 July 2009 to 23 May 2010 (inclusive), the Minister for Home Affairs did not incur any ministerial hospitality expenditure.

For the period 1 July 2009 to 23 May 2010 (inclusive), the Attorney-General incurred \$1,207.63 in ministerial hospitality expenditure

- The Attorney-General's ministerial hospitality spend from 1 July 2009 to 7 February 2010 is detailed in the response to Question on Notice 118 from the Additional Estimates 2010 hearing.
- The Attorney-General's ministerial hospitality spend from 8 February 2010 to 23 May 2010 (inclusive) is detailed in the table below.

<b>Date of Function</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cost (excl GST)</b>
16 March 2010	Parliament House	Dinner, Law Council of Australia (Bill Grant and Glenn Ferguson) re National Legal Reform Project	\$179.09
29 March 2010	Sydney CPO	Meeting with Ministers re Budget issues for portfolio	\$39.09
20 April 2010	Parliament House	Afternoon tea for Ian Govey as new CEO of AGS	\$163.54