

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

Portfolio

Question No. 82

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 30 May 2013:

Hospitality and entertainment

- a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- c) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- e) What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- f) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- g) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- h) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- i) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?

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

For 2012-13 financial year information up to 31 January 2013, please refer to QoN 113 from the Additional Estimates round.

For the period 1 February 2013 to 31 May 2013 please see below.

Attorney-General's Department

- a) Agency's hospitality and entertainment spend during the period 1 February 2013 to 31 May 2013, including adjustments from previous periods, was \$17,588.54 and is detailed in the table below:

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
27 September 2012	ACT	Official dinner with Portfolio Agency Heads	\$1,659.10
23 October 2012	Indonesia	Official dinner with Indonesian delegates	\$282.21
30 January 2013	Indonesia	Official lunch with Indonesian delegates	\$88.13
31 January 2013	ACT	Dinner meeting with delegate from the Commonwealth Association of Legislative Counsel	\$253.21
19 February 2013	ACT	Official dinner with delegates from Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Australian-Indonesian Facility for Disaster Reduction (AIFDR)	\$514.54
11 March 2013	ACT	Official lunch with delegates from the Singapore Attorney-General's Department	\$545.45
12 March 2013	ACT	Official dinner with Indonesian study tour delegates	\$1,420.00
13 March 2013	NSW	Official dinner for delegates attending the West Point IX Conference	\$2,234.68
20 March 2013	ACT	Official dinner with overseas counsel attending the International Court of Justice Whaling Case	\$1,684.54
21 March 2013	ACT	Lunch meeting with Canadian High Commissioner	\$153.64
21 March 2013	Tasmania	Official dinner for delegates attending the Counter-Terrorism Senior Investigating Officer Skills Enhancement Course	\$2,420.91
25 March 2013	ACT	Portfolio Heads Dinner	\$2,590.00
8 April 2013	ACT	Official lunch and tour of Parliament House for a pairing program delegation from Sri Lanka	\$301.82
11 April 2013	ACT	Official lunch with Russian delegation	\$410.91
17 April	ACT	Official dinner for members of the Critical	\$1,984.54

2013		Infrastructure Advisory Council	
10 May 2013	ACT	Lunch meeting with members of Austrac	\$210.82
15 May 2013	ACT	Official dinner with delegates from the United States Department of Justice	\$602.17
23 May 2013	ACT	Official lunch with New Zealand counsel attending the International Court of Justice Whaling Case	\$172.18
31 May 2013	Indonesia	Official lunch with Indonesian delegates	\$59.69
			\$17,588.54

- b) There were no instances of hospitality and entertainment by the Ministers during the period
- c) Please see answer to question a).
- d) Please see answer to question b).
- e) Due to the ad hoc nature of hospitality there are no specific plans in place for departmental or ministerial hospitality or entertainment, however it is expected these will be provided during the normal course of conduct of the Portfolio's activities for the rest of the financial year and for the coming financial year.
- f) Please see answer to question e).
- g) Please see answer to question e).
- h) Please see answer to question e).
- i) There are no specific plans for changes to the current arrangements with hospitality and entertainment expenses.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal

a) Agency's hospitality and entertainment spend 1 February 2013 – 31 May 2013 was \$48.14 and is detailed in the table below:

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
7 February 2013	Sydney	Food and refreshment for hosting Russian delegation	\$48.14

- b) see AGD response
- c) Nil
- d) see AGD response
- e) Due to the ad-hoc nature of hospitality, there is no specific plan in place for the rest of the financial year. It is expected that minor hospitality will be provided in the normal course of conduct of tribunal business for the remainder of the financial year
- f) see AGD response
- g) Nil
- h) see AGD response
- i) The tribunal does not have significant expenditure on hospitality. There are no specific plans for changes to the current arrangements with hospitality expenses

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity

- a) Nil
b) see AGD response

c)

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
23/5/2013	ACLEI premises	Official opening of ACLEI Hearing Room (catering)	\$351.81

- d) see AGD response
e) None planned
f) see AGD response
g) None planned
h) see AGD response
i) None planned

Australian Crime Commission

a)

Date of function	Location	Purpose	Total cost (ex-GST) \$
07 February 2013	Brisbane	Working stakeholder lunch	\$146.45
22 February 2013	Canberra	NM & ED Dinner with examiners	\$948.18
22 February 2013	Canberra	ED lunch – relationship manager meeting	\$128.64
26 February 2013	Canberra	ED/NM Stakeholder lunch	\$162.27
21 March 2013	Overseas	Dunn Extradition – Thailand	\$300.00
07 May 2013	Overseas	Office dinner – Thailand Dunn extradition	\$456.62
15 May 2013	Adelaide	SA Stakeholder dinner	\$158.73
16 May 2013	Canberra	Build relationship with Palantir re: Fusion capability implementation – dinner	\$284.54
20 May 2013	Canberra	Italian DIA rep. Meeting	\$567.00
29 May 2013	Canberra	Dinner with US DEA officials & AFP re: ELIGO	\$588.50
TOTAL			\$3,740.93

- b) see AGD response
c) \$0.00
d) see AGD response
e) Hospitality proposals are formally directed and considered by direct supervisors and the responsible delegate. There are no current proposals for hospitality spends akin to our annual stakeholder Board function and annual briefing. It is expected that there will be instances of minor hospitality expenditure proposals between now and the end of the financial year
f) see AGD response
g) n/a
h) see AGD response

i) No. The ACC already has very minimal spend on hospitality and entertainment which is required for the general operation of the agency. However, the ACC seeks to reduce its spending in this area where ever possible

Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

a) The total cost of hospitality and entertainment for the period 1 February 2013 to 31 May 2013 is detailed in the table below:

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
13 December 2012	Belgium	Stakeholder reception for Brussels based officials from a range of European Union agencies	\$1,593.62
6 February 2013	Victoria	Annual function to recognise the contribution of participants in the Customs and Border Protection Puppy Foster Carer Scheme	\$10,321.49
20 March 2013	Thailand	Official dinner for Border Management (Exports) Workshop	\$1,584.79
TOTAL			\$13,499.90

Note:

There was hospitality and entertainment of \$8,883.02 (GST exclusive), where the Agency expended less than \$1,000 on each occasion. The table below outlines the categories of hospitality and entertainment expenditure that was less than \$1,000 (GST exclusive) on each occasion.

Official Hospitality Expenditure (<\$1,000 in value per event)	
Purpose	Cost (ex-GST)
Hosting visiting officials and dignitaries from overseas	\$2,874.88
Hospitality associated with Agency stakeholders	\$3,719.91
Events relating to the progress or promotion of the Agency's business	\$1,698.36
Hospitality at functions for staff in recognition of significant events	\$589.87
TOTAL	\$8,883.02

b) see AGD response

c) Please see answer to part a)

d) see AGD response

e) As spending on hospitality is generally ad hoc in nature, there are no specific plans in place for hospitality or entertainment. However, it is expected these activities will be provided as part of conducting the normal course of the agency's operations during the remainder of the financial year and next financial year

f) see AGD response

g) See answer to part e)

h) see AGD response

i) As hospitality is ad hoc in nature, there are no specific plans in place for hospitality or entertainment. However, it is expected these activities will be provided as part of conducting the normal course of the agency's operations during the remainder of the financial year and next financial year

Australian Federal Police

a) The cost of hospitality & entertainment for the Australian Federal Police for the financial year to date 1 February to 31 May 2013 is \$35,454. This does not include costs of graduation ceremonies from the AFP College as these costs cannot be feasibly isolated from course costs. The details of the relevant events are listed below

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
February	Canberra	Stakeholder engagement - National Threat Assessment Centre (NTAC) UK	\$331
February	Bangkok	AFP Table at the New Zealand Ball at Imperial Queens Park Hotel	\$963
February	London	Stakeholder Engagement - Hong Kong LEA visit London	\$500
February	Canberra	Stakeholder Engagement –foreign law enforcement liaisons contacts based in Australia.	\$940
February	Washington	Stakeholder Engagement - Washington Paul Scully-Power	\$150
February	Canberra	Stakeholder Engagement - International Cricket Council re 2015 World Cup Response Plan	\$499
February	Brisbane	International Womens Day Lunch	\$163
March	Cairns	Stakeholder Engagement - Commissioner Lilo (Solomon Islands)	\$169
March	New York City	Stakeholder Engagement - Senior UN Policy Advisor and Canadian MILAD	\$188
March	Indonesia	Stakeholder Engagement – Indonesian National Police (INP) Chief of Nusa Tenggara Barat (NTB), INPNTB Senior Executive and INP Chief of Bali and INP Bali Senior Executive.	\$1,160
March	London	Stakeholder Engagement – Partner Agencies including Metropolitan Police, Spanish Embassy, City of London Police, UK Child Exploitation & Online Protection Centre, UK High Tech Crime Unit, UK Border Force, DIAC and the Centre for Applied Science & Technology.	\$3,141
March	Vientiane	Stakeholder engagement - Public Security Academy	\$1,216
March	Washington	Contribution to International Law Enforcement Academy annual reception	\$485
April	Colombia	Stakeholder Engagement - UK Serious Organised Crime Agency.	\$116

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
April	Adelaide	Stakeholder Engagement - Management of South Aust Police Confiscation and SOC directorate	\$179
April	Canberra	Stakeholder Engagement - Ugandan delegation	\$273
April	Batam	Stakeholder Engagement - Brig Gen Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation	\$586
April	Canakkale	Stakeholder Engagement - Turkish National Police	\$800
April	Canberra	Stakeholder Engagement - Royal Canadian Mounted Police	\$445
April	Hong Kong	Stakeholder Engagement - Japanese Narcotics Control Department officers from Tokyo	\$117
April	Jakarta	Stakeholder Engagement Jakarta - SEBASA, POLAIR LDID & Liaison Officers	\$1,097
April	Los Angeles	Stakeholder Engagement - Canadian Border Services Agency, Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit	\$603
April	Suva	Stakeholder Engagement - Transnational Crime Unit Advisor	\$1,494
April	Washington	Stakeholder Engagement – Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), United States Immigration & Customs Enforcement (USICA), United States Drug Enforcement Administration (USDEA) and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.	\$1,487
April	Jakarta	Stakeholder Engagement – Indonesian National Police	\$569
April	Katherine	Stakeholder Engagement - Defence	\$109
April	Hanoi	Stakeholder Engagement - Asia Region Law Enforcement Management Program	\$770
April	Canberra	Stakeholder Engagement - Lyon Senior INTERPOL Directors	\$570
April	Mandaluyong	Stakeholder Engagement - Philippines National Police FLD CSSUP PESE & SINSP SERRANO & PSSUP GONZALGO	\$311
April	Nadi	Stakeholder Engagement - Transnational Crime Unit Fiji (Nadi Office)	\$573
April	Nuku'Alofa	Stakeholder Engagement - Tonga FIU and Tonga Transnational Crime Unit	\$376
April	Islamabad	Stakeholder Engagement - Local Law Enforcement	\$1,657

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
April	Port Moresby	Stakeholder Engagement - Royal PNG Constabulary - Cybersafety Pacific Transnational Crime Network	\$313
April	'S-Gravenhage	Stakeholder Engagement - Dutch Law Enforcement Agency	\$848
April	Suva	Stakeholder Engagement - Transnational Crime Unit (TCU) Suva	\$328
April	Zamboanga Cit	Stakeholder Engagement - PSUPT Fanged, PSINSP Valdez and PO3 Pinales - PNP AKG Zamboanga	\$140
May	Canberra	Stakeholder Engagement - Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) Representatives from the USA & Representatives from US Consulate.	\$297
May	Canberra	Stakeholder Engagement - Director General National Crime Authority.	\$423
May	Canberra	Stakeholder Engagement - Italian Visit - Mr Cannarella – DIA	\$262
May	Solomon Islands	Stakeholder Engagement Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI) - Deputy Commissioner National Security Participating Police Force	\$1,228
May	Canberra	Stakeholder Engagement – Australian State & Territory Local Law Enforcement re Technology impacting Technical & Surveillance Operations	\$264
May	Hong Kong	Stakeholder Engagement - Hong Kong Police Security Wing & Liaison Bureau	\$227
May	Honiara	Stakeholder Engagement - Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI), Transnational Crime Unit Advisor and Royal Solomon Islands Police Force executive.	\$462
May	PNG Mission	Stakeholder Engagement - PNG CB Official Hospitality	\$1,317
May	Vanuatu Mission	Stakeholder Engagement – Vanuatu Local Police & Australian High Commission	\$466
May	Bali	Stakeholder Engagement – Indonesian National Police Chief of Nusa Tenggara Barat and INP NTB Senior Executives.	\$779
May	Bangkok	Stakeholder Engagement - Foreign Anti-Narcotic Community	\$625

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
May	Ho Chi Minh City	Stakeholder Engagement - Cambodia Delegation	\$286
May	Jakarta	Stakeholder Engagement - Jakarta Local Law Enforcement	\$156
May	London	Stakeholder Engagement - Metropolitan Police	\$247
May	Pakistan	Stakeholder Engagement - Pakistan	\$129
May	Rangoon	Stakeholder Engagement - D.Dalton official dinner with Taunggyi & Tachileik	\$412
May	Singapore	Stakeholder Engagement - Local Law Enforcement	\$163
May	The Hague	Stakeholder Engagement - Local Law Enforcement	\$122
May	Washington	Stakeholder Engagement - Local Law Enforcement	\$804
May	Lae	Stakeholder Engagement - Royal PNG Constabulary Provincial Police Commanders Conference	\$915
May	Sydney	Criminal Assets Confiscation Stakeholder engagement with Ministry of Public Security	\$1,018
May	Colombo	Stakeholder Engagement – Local Law Enforcement	\$930
May	Port Moresby	Stakeholder Engagement - DIAC and ADF	\$256
TOTAL			\$\$\$35,454.00

b) see AGD response

c) Please see answer to question a)

d) see AGD response

e) As spending on hospitality is generally ad hoc in nature, there are no specific plans in place for hospitality or entertainment. However, it is expected these activities will be provided as part of conducting the normal course of the agency's operations during the remainder of the financial year and next financial year

f) see AGD response

g) See answer to part e)

h) see AGD response

i) The Australian Federal Police is reviewing supplier expenditure items to seek cost reductions where appropriate. As Hospitality and Entertainment is ad hoc in nature there are no specific plans for changes to the current arrangements. However, it is expected these activities will be provided as part of conducting the normal course of the agency's operations during the remainder of the financial year and next financial year

Australian Government Solicitor

Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) is a government business enterprise operating on a commercial and competitive basis in providing legal and related services to government and its agencies. AGS does not receive any Budget or other appropriations and its employees are engaged outside of the *Public Service Act 1999*. The question is therefore not applicable to AGS

Australian Human Rights Commission

a)

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
1 February 2013	NSW	Hosted Lunch: HRTC China Program with AUSAID	\$95
12 February 2013 4 March 2013	NSW	Hosted Lunch: CFNHRI Sierra Leon Act. 2013 Visit	\$128
15 February 2013	NSW	Hosted Lunch: Intl Finance Law Meeting about Business Law Human Rights Development	\$72
21 February 2013	NSW	Hosted Lunch: meeting about Development of copyright law and the right	\$99
21 February 2013	NSW	Hosted Lunch and Dinner: Delegation Act. 3.1 Legal NGO Internships	\$516
22 February 2013	NSW	Working Lunch: Planning Day for guest	\$17
25 February 2013	NSW	Hosted Event: HR Education Film Screening / Panel Engagement @ the Commission	\$172
25 February 2013	NSW	Hosted Dinner: Post HR Education Film Screening with Panel Engagement	\$126
25 February 2013 05 March 2013	NSW/VIC	Hosted Lunches and Dinners: Chinese Delegation Judicial Responses to DV Study Visit Act. 7.1	\$2,010
26 March 2013	NSW	Hosted Lunch: Farewell Chinese Students	\$176
25 March 2013 10 April 2013	NSW	Hosted Lunch, Dinner and associated events: Chinese Delegation Study Visit on HR and Rules of Evidence	\$2,009
18 April 2013	NSW	Hosted Lunch: Delegates from Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs	\$81
13-21 April 2013	NSW	Hosted Lunch, Dinner and associated events: Chinese Delegation for Disability Rights Act Study Visit	\$2,160

13-20 April 2013	NSW	Hosted Lunch, Dinner and associated events: Delegation Chinese HR Education Study Visit	\$1,891
			Total \$9,551*

*Of the amount identified \$9,066 was attributed to activities performed under fee for service arrangements and fully cost recovered:

\$9,066 Activities performed on behalf of AUSAID under the Human Rights Technical Cooperation Programs

b) see AGD response

c) Please see answer to question a)

d) see AGD response

e) The Commission has no significant hospitality events planned at this time. Generally hospitality is arranged on an ad-hoc basis and incurred at a level appropriate to its operational significance

f) see AGD response

g) The Commission has no significant entertainment events planned at this time. Generally hospitality in the form of entertainment is arranged on an ad-hoc basis and incurred at a level appropriate to its operational significance

h) see AGD response

i) The Commission has no significant hospitality or entertainment events planned at this time. Generally hospitality is arranged on an ad-hoc basis and incurred at a level appropriate to its operational activities

Australian Institute of Criminology

a) The AIC expenditure on hospitality for the FYTD is \$1,053. No distinction is made between hospitality and entertainment

b) see AGD response

c) The AIC expenditure on hospitality for the FYTD is \$1,053. No distinction is made between hospitality and entertainment

d) see AGD response

e) The AIC expenditure on hospitality for the FYTD is \$1,053. No distinction is made between hospitality and entertainment

f) see AGD response

g) The AIC expenditure on hospitality for the FYTD is \$1,053. No distinction is made between hospitality and entertainment

h) see AGD response

i) The AIC expenditure on hospitality for the FYTD is \$1,053. No distinction is made between hospitality and entertainment

Australian Law Reform Commission

a) The ALRC's total spend for hospitality and entertainment is \$289.50

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
19 March 2013	Sydney	Induction day for new part-time Commissioner appointments	\$223.50
19 March 2013	Sydney	Inquiry briefing for part-time Commissioners.	\$66.00

- b) see AGD response
- c) The ALRC does not split hospitality and entertainment expenses
- d) see AGD response
- e) The ALRC does not split hospitality and entertainment expenses
- f) see AGD response
- g) The ALRC does not split hospitality and entertainment expenses
- h) see AGD response
- i) The ALRC's spend on these items is minimal and is only undertaken when circumstances require it

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation

- a) For security reasons, it would not be appropriate to detail ASIO's hospitality and entertainment costs
- b) see AGD response
- c) For security reasons, it would not be appropriate to detail ASIO's hospitality and entertainment costs
- d) see AGD response
- e) For security reasons, it would not be appropriate to detail ASIO's hospitality and entertainment costs
- f) see AGD response
- g) For security reasons, it would not be appropriate to detail ASIO's hospitality and entertainment costs
- h) see AGD response
- i) For security reasons, it would not be appropriate to detail ASIO's hospitality and entertainment costs

Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre

a) AUSTRAC's hospitality and entertainment spend for the period was \$56.34 and is detailed in the table below:

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
1 February 2013	Sydney	Australia Day Awards – afternoon tea	\$7.25
11 May 2013	Sydney	Executive strategic planning workshop – morning tea	\$49.09
Total			\$56.34

- b) see AGD response
- c) Please see answer to question a)
- d) see AGD response
- e) Due to the ad hoc nature of hospitality there are no specific plans in place for hospitality or entertainment; however, it is expected these will be provided during the normal course of conduct of the agency's activities for the remainder of the financial year and next financial year. Such costs will be kept to a minimum
- f) see AGD response

g) Due to the ad hoc nature of hospitality there are no specific plans in place for hospitality or entertainment; however, it is expected these will be provided during the normal course of conduct of the agency's activities for the remainder of the financial year and next financial year. Such costs will be kept to a minimum

h) see AGD response

i) Due to the ad hoc nature of hospitality there are no specific plans in place for hospitality or entertainment; however, it is expected these will be provided during the normal course of conduct of the agency's activities for the remainder of the financial year and next financial year. Such costs will be kept to a minimum

Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions

a) Nil

b) see AGD response

c) Nil

d) see AGD response

e) Nil

f) see AGD response

g) Nil

h) see AGD response

i) The Office does not expect to incur hospitality and entertainment expenses this financial year

CrimTrac

a)

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
5 February 2013	ACT	Lunch with Netherlands National Police Representative	\$126
2 May 2013	QLD	Dinner with QPS Senior Staff and Board Representative	\$610
10 May 2013	ACT	Lunch with NSW Police SIG Representative to discuss NAFIS	\$120
26 May 2013	ACT	Breakfast with Representatives from Europol/Netherlands embassy	\$97
Total			\$953

b) see AGD response

c) See (a)

d) see AGD response

e) CrimTrac has no hospitality expenditure planned

f) see AGD response

g) CrimTrac has no entertainment expenditure planned

h) see AGD response

i) Due to the low cost and frequency of CrimTrac hospitality and entertainment spend there are no plans in place to reduce this in the coming years

Family Court of Australia

- a) Consistent with the response to Question on Notice 113 asked following the Additional Estimates rounds, the Family Court of Australia does not split expenses between hospitality and entertainment. The Court does not have the necessary resources to detail each hospitality and entertainment event. From 1 February 2013 to 31 May 2013, expenditure is \$9,526. All amounts are GST Exclusive.
- c) See point (a) above
- e) The Family Court of Australia is planning to spend \$54,696 (GST Exclusive) on hospitality and entertainment for 2012/13
- g) Note point (e) above
- i) The Family Court of Australia is continually looking to make savings in all areas of expenditure.

Federal Court of Australia

a)

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
1 February 2012 – 31 May 2013	Countrywide	Judges meetings and workshops	\$37,559
1 February 2012 – 31 May 2013	Countrywide	Registry meetings and workshops	\$5,290
To attempt to provide a more detailed response would involve an unreasonable diversion of Court resources.			
			\$42,849

- b) see AGD response
- c) NIL
- d) see AGD response
- e) Due to the ad hoc nature of hospitality there are no specific plans in place for hospitality or entertainment, however it is expected these will be provided during the normal course of the conduct of the Court's activities during the remainder of the financial year
- f) see AGD response
- g) See answer to e)
- h) see AGD response
- i) The Court has no specific plans to reduce expenditure on hospitality and entertainment expenses

Federal Circuit Court of Australia

- a) Consistent with the response to Question on Notice 113 asked following the Additional Estimates rounds, the Federal Circuit Court of Australia does not split expenses between hospitality and entertainment. The Court does not have the necessary resources to detail each hospitality and entertainment event. From 1 February 2013 to 31 May 2013, expenditure is \$9,526. All amounts are GST Exclusive.
- c) See point (a) above
- e) The Federal Circuit Court of Australia is planning to spend \$54,696 (GST Exclusive) on hospitality and entertainment for 2012/13
- g) Note point (e) above

i) The Federal Circuit Court of Australia is continually looking to make savings in all areas of expenditure.

High Court of Australia

a) Hospitality & Entertainment Spending Feb 2013 - May 2013			
Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex GST)
4 February 2013	Canberra	Presentation of new senior counsel - afternoon tea	\$4,215
12 February 2013	Canberra	Heydon J farewell function	\$1,153
5 March 2013	Canberra	Keane J swearing in - lunch for justices and retired justices	\$3,135
5 March 2013	Canberra	Keane J swearing in - public catering	\$9,247
4 March 2013	Canberra	Council of chief justices dinner	\$2,380
9 April 2013	Canberra	Lunch for visiting Swedish supreme court justice & Swedish ambassador with the justices of the high court	\$614
10 April 2013	Canberra	Catering for public lecture	\$3,782
10 April 2013	Canberra	Formal dinner in honour of guest speaker at public lecture on 10 April 2013	\$1,080
2 May 2013	Canberra	Lunch with attorney general and high court justices	\$805
7 May 2013	Canberra	Lunch with shadow attorney general and high court justices	\$965
	Total		\$ 27,383.06

b) see AGD response

c) refer part a)

d) see AGD response

e) Nil planned Hospitality & Entertainment

f) see AGD response

g) refer part e)

h) see AGD response

i) Hospitality and entertainment will continue to be provided during the normal course of the High Court activities as required. The Court is continually reviewing expenditure to ensure value for money is achieved

Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia

a) Nil

b) see AGD response

c)

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
27 March 2013	Brisbane	Hospitality for senior staff event.	\$317.23

d) see AGD response

e)

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
June 2013	Canada	Various Gifts for formal visits to ITSA's equivalent Canadian agencies	\$216.04

f) see AGD response

g) Due to the ad hoc nature of hospitality there are no specific plans in place for departmental hospitality for the 2013-14 financial year, however it is expected it will be provided during the normal course of conduct of ITSA's activities

h) see AGD response

i) No formal hospitality spending is planned. Given the limited amount and ad hoc nature ITSA is unable to answer this question

National Native Title Tribunal

The National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) will not be providing a response to this question, as from 1 July 2012 the NNTT is no longer a Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997 Agency, and is funded to carry out its functions as a sub-program of the Federal Court of Australia's appropriation. On 12 March 2013 the Courts and Tribunals Legislation Amendment (Administration) Act 2013 came into operation. On that day the Australian Public Service Commissioner signed a determination which transferred all staff employed by the Tribunal to the Federal Court of Australia under s.72 of the Public Service Act, but those staff are designated staff assisting the Tribunal under the Native Title Act

Office of Parliamentary Counsel

a)

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
4 March 2013	ACT	Hosted lunch for Printing Bureau staff visiting from Japan	\$229.09

b) see AGD response

c) Nil

d) see AGD response

e) There are no plans in place for expenditure on hospitality for the remainder of the financial year

f) see AGD response

g) There are no plans in place for expenditure on entertainment for the remainder of the financial year

h) see AGD response

i) OPC has minimal expenditure on hospitality or entertainment and therefore has no plans for changes to the current arrangements

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

a) Nil

b) see AGD response

- c) Nil
- d) see AGD response
- e) The OAIC has no significant hospitality planned at this time. Generally hospitality is arranged on an ad-hoc basis and incurred at a level appropriate to its operational activities
- f) see AGD response
- g) The OAIC has no entertainment events planned at this time. Generally hospitality is arranged on an ad-hoc basis and incurred at a level appropriate to its operational activities
- h) see AGD response
- i) The OAIC has no specific plans to change its spending on hospitality or entertainment. Generally hospitality is arranged on an ad-hoc basis and incurred at a level appropriate to its operational activities