

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2012-13 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross

**Question No:** 293

**Topic:** Hospitality and Entertainment

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Boyce** asked:

What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.

**Answer:**

Hospitality includes catering, the purchase of flowers, either decorative or for presentation and the purchase of minor gifts for protocol.

Hospitality is used when required, for business purposes, which is separate to spending on planned events held across Australia (inclusive of National and State offices) to recognise important and significant dates, including:

- Australia Day Awards
- National Anniversary of the Apology
- National Families Week
- International Women's Day
- Seniors Week
- Mental Health Week
- NAIDOC Week
- Empowering Women to Lead
- White Ribbon Day
- International Day for People with Disability

The breakdown of event information is not readily available for the Department without the use of significant resources.