

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: Treasury

Question: AET 278-286

Topic: Hospitality and entertainment

Reference: written - 19 February 2016

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs.
2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
3. What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

Answer:

1. The Department spent \$15,349 (refer to attachment A). Total spending including the Ministers' Office is \$17,738.
2. Treasurer – Refer to Attachment B
Minister for Small Business and Assistant Treasurer – Nil
Assistant Minister to the Treasurer – Nil
3. The Treasury does not distinguish between hospitality and entertainment.
4. The Treasury's Ministers do not distinguish between hospitality and entertainment.
5. Treasury does not budget specifically for hospitality or entertainment. As events are identified, they are costs and paid from the existing Treasury budget.
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7. Refer to response 5.
8. Refer to response 6.
9. The Treasury continues to pursue savings in supplier costs.

Attachment A

Event Date	VENUE	Description	Value of Entertainment (GST Incl.)
17-Sep-15	Chiara	Board of Taxation Board meeting Dinner	\$629
29-Sep-15	Hotel Hotel	Dinner with Professor Kevin Fox	\$242
06-Oct-15	Australian Club	Dinner for outgoing Treasurer	\$700
12-Nov-15	Bentley Restaurant & Bar	Takeovers Panel - National Panel Day Dinner	\$7,901
12-Nov-15	Ottoman	Board of Taxation - Official dinner with Taxation Experts	\$2,831
10-Dec-15	Popolo	Dinner with FIRB	\$1,424
		Total	\$13,727

Attachment B

Event Date	VENUE	Description	Value of Entertainment (GST Incl.)
15-Oct-15	Waitan Restaurant	Treasurer's dinner prior to October Council of Federal Financial Relations Meeting	\$1,513
21-Oct-15	Le Sands Pavilion - Signature Brasserie The Grand Parade	Treasurer's dinner meeting New Zealand deputy PM and Minister for Finance	\$876
		Total	\$2,389