

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Additional Estimates

2016 - 2017

**Division/Agency:** Australian Taxation Office

**Question No:** AET 38

**Topic:** Gifts

**Reference:** Written

**Senator:** Bilyk

**Question:**

1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of all gifts purchased for use by ATO officials in calendar year 2016?
2. Can an itemised list of gifts and costs thereof (GST inclusive) please be provided?
3. Who was the recipient of each gift?
4. For what purpose was each gift given?

**Answer:**

1. \$5,493.52 (GST exclusive)\*.

2.

<b>Gift</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Australian artefacts	\$2,938.99
Gift basket/vouchers	\$672.87
Wine	\$1,688.81
Confectionary	\$138.30
Flowers	\$54.55

3. Gifts were purchased for external presenters, Official delegates and a translator and is consistent with past practice.
4. All gifts purchased by the ATO are thank you gifts.

\*The ATO reports on the net cost to the ATO, which is the standard accounting treatment for reporting. Whilst the ATO will pay invoices inclusive of GST, the GST is claimed back. Hence the net cost to the ATO is the GST-exclusive amount and therefore is what is reported.