

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Budget Estimates

4 – 6 June 2013

**Question: BET 691-695**

**Topic: Hospitality & Entertainment**

**Written: 17 June 2013**

**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

691. What is the department/agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date\*? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
692. What hospitality spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
693. What is the department/agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date\*? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
694. What entertainment spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
695. 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?

\*Financial year to date – 31 May 2013

**Answer:**

691. The Australian Prudential Regulation Authority's (APRA's) hospitality expenditure for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013 was \$6,203.54, detailed as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
22-Aug-12	Sydney	Farewell lunch for Indonesian Insurance Bureau (Bapepam - LK and Interns) June - July Visit	\$ 138.89
17-Oct-12	Sydney	Catering for meeting with entity	\$ 70.95
8-Nov-12	Sydney	Catering for meeting with entity	\$ 89.10
9-Nov-12	Sydney	Catering for meeting with entity	\$ 79.20
18-Dec-12	Sydney	Working lunch for Australian Institute of Superannuation Trustees during meeting regarding AIST's Director Training Initiative	\$ 59.40
19-Feb-13	Sydney	Welcome dinner for US Federal Reserve for APEC Financial Regulator Training Initiative Seminar	\$ 5,584.00
1-Mar-13	Sydney	Catering for meeting with Chief General Manager and staff of the Reserve Bank of India.	\$ 182.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,203.54</b>

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692. The hospitality expenditure budget for the 2012/13 financial year is nil. There is currently no plan for specific additional expenditure in this area.
693. There has been no expenditure on official entertainment by APRA in the financial year to 31 May 2013.
694. There is no planned expenditure on official entertainment.
695. Expenditure on these items is minimal and will only be incurred where appropriate.