Question: **BET 901-905**

Topic: **Hospitality & Entertainment**

Written: **17 June 2013**

Senator BUSHBY asked:

901.   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.

902.   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.

903.   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.

904.   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.

905.   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:

901 and 903.   Hospitality and entertainment spent during the period 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013 are shown in the table below.

Date of Event	Location	Purpose	Cost $
JUL 2012	Canberra	AOFM Spring Clean Lunch	415
SEP 2012	Canberra	Staff function – End of Financial Year Lunch	353
NOV 2012	Canberra	Staff function – Lunch	72
NOV 2012	Canberra	AOFM Advisory Board Meeting - Lunch	638
JAN 2013	Canberra	Staff function – Lunch	238
MAR 2013	Canberra	Corporate Planning Day	2,578
APR 2013	Sydney	Meeting with NZ Debt Management Office	170
MAY 2013	Canberra	Staff function - Dinner	771
TOTAL			**5,235**

902 and 904.   There is currently no planned entertainment and hospitality expenditure.

905.   Much of the AOFM entertainment and hospitality spend is one-off in nature and event driven, and accordingly is highly variable from year to year.