

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

Outcome: Cross Portfolio

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000858

Senator Bilyk, Catryna provided in writing

Ministerial functions

Question

In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio since 1 March 2017, can the following please be provided:

- List of functions;
- List of attendees including departmental officials, ministerial staff and if members of the Minister's immediate family attended – number of members (names not required);
- Function venue;
- Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);
- Details of any food served;
- Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and
- Details of any entertainment provided.

Answer

Between 1 March 2017 and 31 May 2017, the department has assisted with three functions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers. All costings provided include GST.

Indonesia Australia Business Week 2017 - Vocational Education and Training Stream Dinner, 6 March 2017	
Minister or Assistant Minister	Assistant Minister for Vocational Education and Skills, the Hon Karen Andrews MP
Attendees	47 attendees included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Officially invited guests• Departmental officials• Government department and agency representatives <p><i>The department considers the names of the attendees and the fact of their attendance at these events to be 'personal information' under the Privacy Act 1988. It therefore declines to provide this information, in order to protect the privacy of the attendees.</i></p>
Venue	Executive Residence, Australian Embassy, Jakarta
Costs	Catering - \$1,245.14
Entertainment	Nil

Knowledge Partnership Dinner, 10 April 2017	
Minister or Assistant Minister	Minister for Education and Training, Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham MP
Attendees	<p>370 attendees included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prime Minister of Australia and Australian delegation (including Australian government department officials) • Australian High Commission and staff • Australian Alumni Association representatives • Indian Government Ministers and Members of Parliament • Indian Government and Institutional contacts • Indian and Australian media • Indian Government Education and Skills representatives • Indian Australian International Education Conference contacts • Australian University representatives in India • Indian Education Institution representatives • Association of Australian Education Representatives in India • Group of Eight delegation • Universities Australia delegation • Australian Skills delegation <p><i>The department considers the names of the attendees and the fact of their attendance at these events to be 'personal information' under the Privacy Act 1988. It therefore declines to provide this information, in order to protect the privacy of the attendees.</i></p>
Venue	Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi, India
Costs	Venue hire and catering package – \$37,854.45
Entertainment	Ministerial welcome and traditional dance performance by 47 Springdale School children.

Luncheon to host United Kingdom Minister for Schools Standards, 13 April 2017	
Minister or Assistant Minister	Minister for Education and Training, Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham MP
Attendees	<p>74 attendees included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK Minister of State for School Standards and UK delegation • Representatives from peak education bodies • Departmental officials • Ministers advisor and media advisor <p><i>The department considers the names of the attendees and the fact of their attendance at these events to be 'personal information' under the Privacy Act 1988. It therefore declines to provide this information, in order to protect the privacy of the attendees.</i></p>
Venue	National Wine Centre, Adelaide, South Australia
Costs	<p>Catering – \$8,874.00</p> <p>Audio visual equipment hire – \$1,118.59</p>
Entertainment	Nil