

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017

Attorney General's Department

Program: 1.1 AGD Operating Expenses - Civil Justice and Legal Services

Question No. BE17-122

Senator Bilyk asked the following question on 02 June 2017:

In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or any agencies within the portfolio since 1 March 2017, can the following please be provided:

- List of functions;
- List of attendees;
- 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.

The response to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:

In preparing its response to this question on notice, the department has interpreted the meaning of the word "function" to mean a gathering or occasion for which the primary purpose is the provision of hospitality.

The Department does not hold any further details on functions or official receptions other than as disclosed in Attachment A, and it would require an unreasonable diversion of resources to provide any additional information.

The Australian Government Solicitor maintains a separate accounting system that is designed specifically for use in legal practices. As its accounting system does not separately capture information of this kind, it would require an unreasonable diversion of resources to respond to this question.

Attachment A

List of functions or official receptions etc. hosted by the Department or any agencies within the portfolio since 1 March 2017;	List of attendees; including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff;	Function venue;	Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);	Details of any food served;	Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage	Details of any entertainment provided.
Official reception to congratulate Mr Guy Aitken on his appointment as a Commonwealth Queen's Counsel	33 attendees AGD Officers AGS Officers Invited guests	Australian Government Solicitor premises	Catering \$600 Alcohol \$338	Hot & cold Canapés	Various	Nil.
Farewell of a senior departmental officer	50-60 SES officers Invited guests	AGS level 5, 4 National Circuit, Barton	Food \$725.00 Drinks \$455.31	Hot & cold Canapés	Beer and red and white wine	Nil
Disaster Resilience Policy Innovation Roundtable dinner	7 attendees	Wild Duck Fine Asian Restaurant	\$568.00	Unknown - not itemised on receipt	Unknown - not itemised on receipt.	Nil
Official dinner to welcome a Sri Lankan delegation and provide an opportunity for networking between Australian and Sri Lankan police and prosecutors, as part of the Australia-Sri Lanka Police and Prosecutor Pairing Program.	2 x AGD officers 4 x Sri Lanka Attorney-General's Office delegates 2 x Sri Lanka Police delegates	Bhoj Docklands, Melbourne	Total cost \$413.20	Banquet menu for eight people, plus one beverage per person	Each guest was invited to order one beverage per person. No bottles of wine or champagne were purchased for the occasion.	Nil
Official Dinner for Pakistan Mutual Evaluation Study Tour – Tuesday	20 attendees	Ottoman Restaurant, Canberra	Total cost \$1586.50	Dinner Banquet Menu	Nil	Nil
Official Dinner for Vietnamese Supreme People's Procuracy – 'International Crime Cooperation in Proceeds of Crime Cases' workshops	13 attendees	Pots n' Pans, 57 Bui Thi Xuan Street, Ba Trung District, Hanoi	Total cost \$682.19	Set menu dinner	Nil	Nil

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Workshop on Using Electronic Evidence in Terrorism Cases, Semarang, Indonesia – Welcome dinner	44 attendees including workshop participants and presenters	Grand Candi Hotel, Semarang, Indonesia	Total cost \$550	Buffet dinner	Nil	musician/singer at a cost of IDR4,000,000 (approx. \$400)
Workshop on Using Electronic Evidence in Terrorism Cases, Semarang, Indonesia – Networking dinner	32 attendees including workshop participants and presenters and AGD Officers	Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation, Semarang, Indonesia	Total cost \$477	Buffet dinner	Red and white wine and beer	Singer/karaoke provided in price of dinner
Indonesian Ministry of Law and Human Rights Study Visit on Legislative Drafting and Publication – Official Lunch	16 attendees including eight Indonesian MLHR officials, an officer from the Office of Parliamentary Counsel, an official translator and six AGD officers	Ottoman Restaurant, Canberra	Total cost \$880	Banquet lunch	Nil	Nil
Official lunch with Attorney General in Washington	Attorney General, Attorney General Advisers (x2), AFP counterpart, Dept of Finance counterpart and AGD Officer	The Jefferson Hotel - Washington DC	Total cost \$327.53	4 Caesar salad 1 Tomato Soup 1 Grilled Salmon 3 Coffees 1 Lemonade 1 Sparkling Water	Nil	Nil
Australia-Germany treaty negotiations meeting (Tuesday 4 April 2017)	AGD x 4; DFAT x 2 Defence x 3 German counterparts: Martin Schmidt, Georgios Tsapanos, Stefan Morbe, Frank Ringhof	National Press Club of Australia	Venue Hire \$1032.5; 3x course meal \$900; beverages \$132.50	Provided with alternative menu option (3 course menu option unavailable on the day)	House wine, beer and soft drink/juice	Nil

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Usual 5 Welcome Event	3 x US DHS, 2 x UK GCHQ, 2 x NZ GCSB, 1x Canada CSE, 1x Canada CCIRC, 4 x AGD	Walt and Burley, Canberra	Food - \$178.00, Drinks - \$422.00	House Platter (bread and dips), Porcini Arancini Balls, Fries, Sticky BBQ Wings	Nil	Nil
Usual 5 Formal Dinner	3 x US DHS, 2 x UK GCHQ, 2 x NZ GCSB, 1x Canada CSE, 1x Canada CCIRC, 1 x ASD, 7 x AGD	Old Parliament House, Canberra	Dinner Menu - \$1,200.00, Venue Hire - \$385.00, Alternate Drop Service - \$100.00, Beverage Package - \$600.00	3 Course Menu (Alternate drop menu for entrée and main with chef's assorted desserts)	Various	Old Parliament House Tour
Official Dinner - Pakistan-Australia Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG) Mutual Evaluation Preparation Workshop	10 x AGD Departmental Staff 14 x Foreign non AGD	Ottoman Restaurant, Canberra	Total cost \$1586.00	Banquet Dinner	Nil	Nil