

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 22 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/160) - Functions – Department - Internal Product (DIBP)

Senator Bilyk, Catryna (L&CA) written:

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.

Answer:

Official hospitality is defined in the Department as the use of relevant money to provide refreshments, entertainment, gifts or other benefits to persons other than departmental officials, to facilitate business with external organisations or individuals with related vocational, technical, business or national interests in common with the Department. There is significant guidance available to staff regarding the circumstances when official hospitality is appropriate and specific delegations for approval. Each business area is required to acquit and report events for inclusion in a central register as they occur.

Specific instructions apply to situations where alcohol is served at a function including the requirement to obtain the approval of an SES official. Officials must be aware that they are on duty during events and are subject to the requirements set out in the Department's Drug and Alcohol Policy.

A list of official functions is provided at **Attachment A** – Extract from DIBP Official Hospitality Register 1 March 2017 to 31 May 2017.

In accordance with the *Privacy Act 1988*, the disclosure of personal information, such as names or similar identifiers, may only be released with the consent of the individual being named. For consent to be in place the individual must be fully informed and the consent cannot be coerced. To obtain this consent would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.

The following information is not maintained in the Department's central register:

- itemised list of costs for each event

- menus
- entertainment provided
- the type, brand and vintage of alcohol served.

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ATTACHMENT A

**EXTRACT FROM DIBP OFFICIAL HOSPITALITY REGISTER
1 MARCH 2017 TO 31 MAY 2017**

Function	Total Amount (incl GST)
Stakeholder relationships with officials from the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA).	\$160.00
Stakeholder relationships with officials from the Three Country, Four Party talks (3C4P).	\$2,669.10
Stakeholder relationships with officials from the General Administration of Customs People's Republic of China.	\$1,400.00
Stakeholder relationships with officials from the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Chinese Ministry of Public Security.	\$267.13
Stakeholder relationships with African diplomatic mission officials.	\$157.56
Stakeholder relationships with officials from US Department of Homeland Security.	\$1,147.00
Stakeholder relationships with officials from Canada Border Services Agency, New Zealand Customs, United Kingdom National Crime Agency and US Homeland Security Attaché.	\$1,618.00
Stakeholder relationships with officials from the Nairobi Immigration Liaison team (NAIL).	\$141.73
Stakeholder relationships with officials from Canada Border Services Agency.	\$580.00
Stakeholder relationships with Bureau of Entry and Exit Administration China delegation.	\$1,070.00
Stakeholder relationships with officials from the Border Five (B5) and FCC.	\$1,858.00
Stakeholder relationships with officials from US Citizenship and Immigration Services.	\$328.00
Official lunch for National Passenger Facilitation Committee.	\$2,450.00
Stakeholder relationships with officials from Japan Customs.	\$408.42
Stakeholder relationships with officials from CSRA and ABCC.	\$349.00
Official lunch with various external stakeholders.	\$86.27
Stakeholder relationships with officials from the Anti-smuggling Bureau and General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China.	\$279.36
Stakeholder relationships with officials from the UNHCR and IOM.	\$187.00
Stakeholder relationships with Hong Kong officials from Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC)	\$74.47
Stakeholder relationships with officials from US subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.	\$218.43
Stakeholder relationships with officials of the Foreign Law Enforcement Community in China.	\$450.00
Official dinner with stakeholders to support border protection outcomes.	\$1,020.89
Stakeholder's relationships with Indigenous Elders.	\$42.00
Stakeholder relationships with officials from DHS.	\$455.76
Stakeholder relationships with officials from the Emirates Regional Immigration Liaison team (EMIL).	\$820.00
Stakeholder relationships with officials from the Myanmar Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population.	\$1,485.00
Stakeholder relationships with officials from the PNG Immigration and Citizenship Service Authority (ICSA)	\$100.00

Function	Total Amount (incl GST)
Stakeholder relationships with officials from Singapore, Korea, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand and Indonesian Immigration agencies.	\$654.90
Stakeholder relationships with officials from the WA Police.	\$88.74
Stakeholder relationships with officials from the Indonesian Directorate General of Customs and Excise (DGCE)	\$490.72
Stakeholder relationships with officials from the Indian Coast Guard and other agencies.	\$1,453.00
Stakeholder relationships with officials from Permanent Missions of Morocco, Philippines, Ethiopia, Peru, Republic of Korea, Thailand and Germany.	\$164.00
Stakeholder relationships with officials from the Vietnam Ministry of Public Security-Immigration.	\$210.00
Stakeholder relationships with officials from Korea Customs Service.	\$688.00
	\$23,572.48