



Australian Government

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

Senator Anne McEwen
Chair
Senate Standing Committee on the Environment,
Communications and the Arts
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600



Dear Senator McEwen

Following Additional Estimates in February 2010, Senator Barnett, in his capacity as a member of the Senate Standing Committee of the Environment, Communications and the Arts, asked the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts the following written question (Question number 178).

1. What is the Department's hospitality spend FYTD?
2. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
3. For each Minister/Par Sec's office, please detail total hospitality spend FYTD.
4. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

In March 2010 a response was submitted to the Committee. When preparing our response to a similar question asked by Senator Barnett in May 2010 we have been made aware of a minor error in our original response.

The total hospitality spend for the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts as at February 2010 has been revised from \$76,919.51 to \$76,451.33 In summary the change is:

Date	Location	Original cost	Revised cost
16 July 2009	Cairns, Qld	\$622.73	\$154.55

The revised response is attached.

Yours sincerely

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16 July 2010

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Outcome: Corporate Outcome **Question No:** 178
Program: Corporate Outcome
Division/Agency: Corporate Strategies Division
Topic: DEWHA Hospitality
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Senator BARNETT asked:

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Answers:

1. As at 24 February 2010, the Department's hospitality spend FYTD was \$76,451.33.
2. Below is a table detailing date, location, purpose and cost of all events. Note that the events that occurred before 1 July 2009 were paid for in 2009/10.

Date	Location	Event	Cost (exc GST)
30 March 2009	Otto Restaurant, Sydney, NSW	Hosted dinner as part of consultations for the independent review of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act	\$340.91
29 April 2009	Budji Bim, Vic	Event to launch the first of the Jobs Fund projects and promote the importance of the Government's heritage conservation package	\$4,500.00
22 May 2009	John Curtin House, Fremantle, WA	Event to announce funding for John Curtin House, heritage conservation through the Jobs Fund	\$78.27
4 June 2009	Metropole Apartments, Brunswick, Vic	Dinner for Council of Australian Governments Water Meeting	\$655.91

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Date	Location	Event	Cost (exc GST)
16 June 2009	La Capanna, Kingston, ACT	Water Recovery and Environmental Use Stakeholder Reference Panel networking dinner	\$272.72
18 June 2009	National Portrait Gallery, Parkes, ACT	Circle of Friends viewing of the Gallery's new acquisitions	\$4,614.54
25 June 2009	Madeira, Portugal	Meeting of the key pro- conservation groups at the 61st annual meeting of the International Whaling Commission	\$1,908.27
9 July 2009	Ciuccio Restaurant, Hobart, Tas	Lunch meeting with David Jensen, representative of Mawson's Hut Foundation	\$58.64
13 July 2009	My Café, Manuka, ACT	Dinner with National Irrigator's Council stakeholders	\$59.09
16 July 2009	Cairns, Qld	Hosting function for Indonesian Fisheries Minister and senior delegation	\$154.55
9 August 2009	Ottoman Cuisine, Barton, ACT	Council of Australian Governments Water Knowledge and Research Strategy	\$2,769.54
24 August 2009	Park Hyatt Hotel, The Rocks, Sydney, NSW	Welcome event for International Council on Monuments and Sites Expert Examiners	\$89.00
25 August 2009	Thai Chiang Rai, Kingston, ACT	National Irrigation Efficiency Stakeholder Reference Panel networking dinner	\$327.72
27 August 2009	Holiday Inn, Port Moresby, PNG	Dinner with Kokoda Track Authority staff about the Kokoda Safety Package	\$223.59
2 September 2009	Offices of the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, NSW	Threatened Species Scientific Committee Stakeholder Forum	\$236.78
5 September 2009	Kooljamin, Cape Leveque, WA	Australian Heritage Committee Dinner	\$404.54

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Date	Location	Event	Cost (exc GST)
10 September 2009	National Portrait Gallery, Parkes, ACT	Official launch of Portraits + Architecture Exhibition	\$14,070.91
24 September 2009	National Portrait Gallery, Parkes, ACT	National Portrait Gallery's Circle of Friends Spring Dinner - Paid Event	\$2,109.12
28 to 30 September 2009	National Portrait Gallery, Parkes, ACT	Protection of Australasian Culture Assets Forum	\$2,756.54
29 September 2009	Dunhuang Academy, China	Advancing Sustainable Tourism at Cultural and Natural Heritage Sites workshop	\$703.76
2 October 2009	Fremantle Prison, WA	Event to announce West Australian heritage projects as part of the National Jobs Fund Initiative	\$202.14
10 October 2009	Adelaide Mosque, SA	Event to announce South Australian heritage projects as part of the National Jobs Fund Initiative	\$919.43
12 October 2009	Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne, Vic	Event to announce Victorian heritage projects as part of the National Jobs Fund Initiative	\$480.00
12 October 2009	Elizabeth Austin Home, South Geelong	Event to announce funding for Elizabeth Austin Home, heritage conservation through the Jobs Fund	\$180.00
20 October 2009	Hilary's Boat Harbour, Perth, WA	Commercial Fishing Sector Meeting	\$906.82
22 October 2009	The Athenaeum Library, Melbourne, Vic	Heritage Book Launch for Building a Free Australia: Places of Democracy	\$800.45
27 October 2009	Cornelian Bay Boathouse, Tas	Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources XXVII Reception	\$5,068.18
27 October 2009	The Boathouse, Barton, ACT	Australia / China High Level Water Policy Meeting	\$2,438.64
28 October 2009	Parliament House, Canberra, ACT	Australia / China High Level Water Policy Meeting	\$505.18
28 October 2009	Pines Country Club, Shepparton, Vic	Australia / China High Level Water Policy Meeting	\$2,664.09
29 October 2009	Cellar 47 Restaurant, Shepparton, Vic	Australia / China High Level Water Policy Meeting	\$623.55

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Date	Location	Event	Cost (exc GST)
1 November 2009	Plum Restaurant, Hobart, Tas	Meeting between Australian and French officials to discuss toothfish populations on the Kerguelen Plateau	\$763.63
1 November 2009	Rendezvous Allegra, Adelaide, SA	Visit by Secretary General, the Ramsar Convention, Mr Ananda Tiega	\$728.04
2 November 2009	Australian National Maritime Museum, Sydney, NSW	Event to announce the Prime Minister's Literary Award winners for 2009	\$10,200.00
4 to 5 November 2009	Lake Macquarie City Council Offices, NSW	Two day workshop to assist with the development of a policy statement on the Black-eyed Susan	\$486.73
13 & 23 November 2009	Australian National Maritime Museum, Sydney, NSW & Questacon, Parkes, ACT	Polar Science for Planet Earth (Polar Palooza)	\$2,400.00
23 November 2009	Canberra, ACT	Polar Palooza Participants Dinner	\$863.64
25 November 2009	Portia's Restaurant, Kingston, ACT	Water Recovery Environmental Use Stakeholder Reference Panel meeting	\$374.64
1 December 2009	Casey Station, Antarctica	Hosting Chinese Delegation from Zhong Shan Station	\$490.91
3 December 2009	Lobby Restaurant, Parkes, ACT	State of the Environment Committee inception dinner	\$688.18
4 December 2009	The Ginger Room, Parkes, ACT	State of the Environment Committee meeting	\$347.57
9 December 2009	Batemans Bay, NSW	Morning tea and lunch provided for Indigenous representatives of Caring for our Country workshop	\$512.27
14 December 2009	The Lobby Restaurant, Parkes, ACT	Lunch with delegates from the Chinese Ministry of Land and Resources, the Department of Land and Resource of Fujian province and the Legislative Affairs Office of the State Council	\$596.82

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Date	Location	Event	Cost (exc GST)
15 December 2009	Ottoman Restaurant, Barton, ACT	Lunch with delegates from the Chinese Ministry of Land and Resources, the Department of Land and Resource of Fujian province and the Legislative Affairs Office of the State Council	\$318.18
16 December 2009	National Portrait Gallery, Parkes, ACT	Circle of Friends introduction and viewing of the Gallery's new acquisitions	\$4,640.00
17 December 2009	Canberra, ACT	Christmas function following Australian Heritage Committee Meeting	\$131.30
4 January 2010	Wrest Point Casino, Hobart, Tas	Hosting Chinese Arctic and Antarctic Administration Program Delegation	\$1,596.82
21 January 2010	Darwin, NT	International Atomic Energy Agency scientific visit	\$108.36
21 January 2010	Australian Antarctic Division Offices, Hobart, Tas	Visit by President of Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology Staff	\$81.36

3. Neither the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts nor the Department of Finance and Deregulation have incurred expenditure during 2009/10 YTD on official hospitality provided by Mr Garrett, Senator Wong (in relation to her water portfolio responsibilities) or Dr Kelly (in relation to his water portfolio responsibilities).
4. Not applicable

