

## Senate Standing Committee on Economics

### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

19 – 20 October 2011

Question No: SBT 239 - 240  
Topic: ABS Hospitality  
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Senator Bushby asked:

239. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events
240. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.

Answer:

239. The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) spent \$18,213.30 (exclusive of GST) on hospitality and entertainment for the financial period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011. Note: the ABS does not itemise hospitality and entertainment costs separately.

These amounts relate to expenditure used to facilitate the conduct of public business within and between Commonwealth agencies; or with external organisations and agencies; or with external organisations or individuals with related vocational, technical or business interests.

The date, location, purpose and cost of all events is listed in following table (Table 1).

240. The Australian Bureau of Statistics is expecting to spend \$20,035 (exclusive of GST) on hospitality and entertainment for the financial period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012. This is based on the 2010-11 spend.

The ABS does not specifically plan in detail its hospitality and entertainment expenditure. Spending proposals are decided on a case by case basis with consideration of the purpose for hospitality / entertainment, which is to facilitate the conduct of public business within and between Commonwealth agencies; or with external organisations and agencies; or with external organisations or individuals with related vocational, technical or business interests.

Table 1: Hospitality / Entertainment for 2010-11

Hospitality - Senate Estimates - YTD Expenditure June 2011

Date	State	City	Purpose	\$ Amount (Excl GST)
01/07/2010	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - delegates Statistics New Zealand - Dinner	415.73
01/07/2010	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - delegates Statistics UK - Dinner	179.00
01/08/2010	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - delegates Bank of Korea - Dinner	181.82
01/08/2010	France	Libourne	Official function - delegates National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies France - Lunch	107.86
01/10/2010	VIC	Melbourne	Official visit - delegates Statistics New Zealand - Lunch	61.09
01/10/2010	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - USA and Wales delegates - Dinner	405.00
01/10/2010	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - PNG National Statistics Office - Lunch	155.45
01/10/2010	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - UN delegates - Dinner	1,022.27
01/10/2010	NSW	Sydney	Official visit - delegates Statistics New Zealand - Dinner	319.91
01/10/2010	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - USA delegates - Lunch	92.64
01/10/2010	ACT	Canberra	Official function - delegates Australian Statistics Advisory Council - Dinner	83.91
01/10/2010	ACT	Canberra	Official function - External delegates - Dinner	1,312.73
01/10/2010	ACT	Canberra	Official function - England delegates - Lunch	84.09
01/10/2010	ACT	Canberra	Official function - Treasury delegates - Lunch	93.82
01/10/2010	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - Canada/Netherland delegates - Lunch	442.73
01/10/2010	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - Indonesian delegates - Dinner	290.00
01/12/2010	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - New Zealand delegates - Dinner	1,144.55
01/12/2010	ACT	Canberra	Official function - delegates Australian Statistics Advisory Council - Dinner	2,272.73
01/12/2010	ACT	Canberra	Official function - National Statistical Service - Lunch	116.09
01/12/2010	France	Paris	Official visit - France delegation - Dinner	205.67
01/12/2010	France	Paris	Official visit - France delegation - Dinner	963.12
01/12/2010	France	Paris	Official visit - France delegation - Dinner	57.71
01/12/2010	ACT	Canberra	Official function - Australian Government Solicitor - Lunch	102.91
01/12/2010	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - Timorese delegation - Dinner	577.09
01/12/2010	NT	Darwin	Official visit - Timorese delegation - Dinner	409.09
01/12/2010	NT	Darwin	Official visit - Timorese delegation - Lunch	190.55
01/01/2011	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - Indonesian delegates - Dinner	135.00
01/01/2011	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - USA visiting professor - Dinner	207.45
01/01/2011	WA	Perth	Official visit - New Zealand delegates - Lunch	224.09
01/01/2011	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - New Zealand delegates - Dinner	92.91
01/02/2011	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - UK delegate - Lunch	61.55
01/02/2011	TAS	Hobart	Official visit - Vietnamese delegates - Lunch	575.00
01/02/2011	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - USA delegate- Lunch	80.97
01/03/2011	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - CSIRO officers - Lunch	223.64
01/03/2011	WA	Perth	Official function - members of Secretariat of the Pacific Community - Drinks	169.09
01/04/2011	NSW	Sydney	Official visit - New Zealand delegation - Lunch	206.27
01/04/2011	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - New Zealand delegation - Lunch	39.36
01/04/2011	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - members of Metadata Technology (UK) - Dinner	229.09
01/04/2011	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - Director of Wentworth Group (AU) - Dinner	204.09
01/04/2011	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - New Zealand delegation - Lunch	112.73
01/05/2011	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - Mongolian delegation - Dinner	1,482.73
01/05/2011	VIC	Melbourne	Official visit - Mongolian delegation - Dinner	1,038.64
01/05/2011	USA	New York	Official visit - Brazilian delegation - Dinner	187.10
01/05/2011	VIC	Melbourne	Official visit - Mongolian delegation - Dinner	570.27
01/06/2011	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - New Zealand delegation - Lunch	41.40
01/06/2011	NT	Darwin	Official function - External delegates - Dinner	410.36
01/06/2011	TAS	Hobart	Official visit - Mongolian delegation - Dinner	634.00
Total YTD Hospitality Expenditure June 2011				18,213.30