

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2004-2005 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome: All

Output Group: All

DEST Question No. E510_05

Senator Carr, asked on 16 February 2005, EWRE Hansard page 43.

Question:

Do you have an amount that you have spent on corporate hospitality in the last 12 months?
If that is the case you will not mind giving us a breakdown of the funding?

Answer:

Corporate Hospitality

Departmental Hospitality expenses for the periods 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 (February Year to Date) broken down between major events and general Group and State hospitality are attached.

DEST OFFICIAL HOSPITALITY EXPENSES

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05 (Feb YTD)	
MAJOR EVENTS					ACTIVITIES
PM's Science Prizes ¹	0	66,748	63,298	33,263	600 guests hosted in the Great Hall of Parliament House. Held annually.
Questacon Activities ²	0	0	77,850	26,467	Exhibition launches, programmes for children and teachers
International Delegations	8,021	20,947	54,022	18,398	Overseas Ministers and education delegations
PMSIEC	4,193	10,361	16,757	4,663	Council meetings, working groups, two annual dinners hosted by the Prime Minister
CRC Committee and Appraisal/Expert Panels	3,132	4,816	2,770	4,645	Committee meetings, working meals
GENERAL GROUP AND STATE HOSPITALITY					
Corporate	6,731	30,544	16,608	10,053	General Official Hospitality includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Launches attended by the media; ▪ Hospitality associated with advisory committee functions; ▪ Major events relating to the progress or promotion of the Department's business policy or objective; ▪ Hospitality which promotes a government policy or objective; ▪ Hosting visiting officials and dignitaries from overseas; ▪ Hospitality which facilitates the conduct of public business and ▪ Hospitality at functions for staff in recognition of significant events.
General Science	6,337	19,935 ³	14,190	8,145	
Schools	28,135 ⁴	1,028	2,213	1,015	
Higher Education	326	6,320 ⁵	2,294	217	
Vocational Education and Training	5,363	0	1,718	1,255	
Indigenous and Transitions	0	0	1,693	0	
Strategic Analysis and Evaluation	1,832	3,301	417	1,811	
Information Services	1,422	0	0	0	
State Offices	5,017	2,106	2,374	683	
TOTAL	70,509	166,105	256,205	110,615	
Miscoding	0	40,000 ⁶	0	32,199 ⁷	
Previously reported Total	70,509	206,105	256,205	142,814	

¹ The Science function commenced in the Department on 26 November 2001. The Prime Minister's Science Prizes occurred before that date in 2001-02.

² Questacon became part of the Department on 1 July 2003.

³ Of this amount \$11,950 relates to the National Research Priority Task Force.

⁴ Of this amount \$26,021 relates to an OECD information, guidance and counselling project.

⁵ Of this amount \$5,194 relates to events undertaken as part of the Higher Education Review.

⁶ This amount relates to the production and launch of publications for the National Research Priorities Task Force and was erroneously coded to hospitality expenses.

⁷ This amount relates to various expenses incurred in the overseas posts and was erroneously coded to hospitality expenses.