

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2008-09**

Outcome Corporate and Network

DEEWR Question No. EW0962_09

Senator Humphries asked on 6 March 2009, provided in writing.

Question

What is the Department's hospitality spend CY 2008 and FYTD?
Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.

Subject Hospitality expenditure for the period 1 July to 31 October 2008.

Answer

Total hospitality expenditure for the department for the period 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008 was \$216,588.59. Please refer to the table at Attachment A for a breakdown between events over \$1,000 and general Group and State hospitality.

Total hospitality expenditure for the department for the period 1 July 2008 to 28 February 2009 was \$172,985.51. Please refer to the table at Attachment B for a breakdown between events over \$1,000 and general Group and State hospitality.

MAJOR EVENTS 2008 Calendar Year

Event DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE	COST (\$) (Ex GST)
02.05.2008	Crowne Plaza Melbourne, 5 Spencer St Melbourne VIC	COAG Productivity Agenda Working Group Skills and Workforce Development	\$1,454.54
28.05.2008	Hilton Hotel, Melbourne Airport, Arrival Drive, Tullamarine VIC	COAG Productivity Agenda Working Group Skills and Workforce Development	\$1,088.19
03.06.2008	Hilton Hotel, Melbourne Airport, Arrival Drive, Tullamarine VIC	COAG Productivity Agenda Working Group Skills and Workforce Development	\$1,148.60
26.06.2008	Embassy of Australia Washington DC	Graduate Education	\$1,379.87
07.07.2008	Hilton Hotel, Melbourne Airport, Arrival Drive, Tullamarine VIC	COAG Productivity Agenda Working Group Skills and Workforce Development	\$1,313.59
16.07.2008	Woodward Conference Centre, Law Building, University of Melbourne, VIC	Social Inclusion	\$5,100.00
21-26.07.2008	Embassy of Australia Washington DC	Schools Issues	\$1,002.97
28-29.07.2008	Old Parliament House, King George Terrace Parkes, ACT	Council of Latin America Relations Education Action Group Reception and Roundtable	\$4,016.82
04.08.2008	Belconnen Premier Inn, Benjamin Way, Belconnen ACT	National Youth Week Conference	\$4,493.64
06.08.2008	Hilton Hotel, Melbourne Airport, Arrival Drive, Tullamarine VIC	COAG Productivity Agenda Working Group Skills and Workforce Development	\$1,241.82
06.08.2008	Level 5, Hawke Building, University of South Australia, City West Campus, SA	Australian Student Prize Ceremony	\$1,461.82
11.08.2008	The Boat House by the Lake, Grevillia Park, Barton ACT	Australian Council of State School Organisations and Australian Parent Council	\$2,736.36
03.09.2008	Hilton Hotel, Melbourne Airport, Arrival Drive, Tullamarine VIC	COAG Productivity Agenda Working Group Skills and Workforce Development	\$1,411.73
11.09.2008	The Jasper Hotel, Elizabeth St Melbourne, VIC	Disability Employment Consultation	\$2,938.18
19.09.2008	Bendigo Jockey Club, Heinz St Bendigo, VIC	Disability Employment Consultation	\$1,022.73
23.09.2008	Hilton Hotel, Melbourne Airport, Arrival Drive, Tullamarine VIC	Development of Quality Reform Agenda and Indigenous Sector support strategies	\$3,261.68

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09.10.2008	Hilton Hotel, Melbourne Airport, Arrival Drive, Tullamarine VIC	COAG Productivity Agenda Working Group Skills and Workforce Development	\$1,370.95
17/10/2008	28th Floor of Australian Commerce and Industry Office. Location : President International Tower, No. 9, Song Gao Road, Taipei, 110, Taiwan	Peter Doherty (Nobel Laureate) function to highlight Australia's research strengths and help promote Australia as a quality destination for education	\$2,808.61
21.10.2008	Hilton Hotel, Melbourne Airport, Arrival Drive, Tullamarine VIC	COAG Productivity Agenda Working Group Skills and Workforce Development	\$1,267.73
28.10.2008	Bund Restaurant, Shanghai	Ministry of Education Workshop on the Management of International Students	\$2,244.88
31.10.2008	Ainslie Football Club, Wakefield Avenue, Ainslie ACT	NAIDOC Week	\$1,636.36
21.11.2008	Albury Sailors Soldiers and Airmens Club, 570 Olives Street Albury NSW 2640	Staff training in delivery of Child Care Services	\$1,090.91
01.12.2008	DEEWR, 16 Mort Street Braddon ACT	National Education Systems Group National Assessment Panel meeting	\$1,104.54
08.12.2008	Pavilion on Northbourne, 242 Northbourne Ave Dickson	State and Territory Assessment Panel Training	\$1,114.89
10.12.2008	DEEWR, 16 Mort Street Braddon ACT	SES meeting	\$1,101.00
31.12.2008	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Chennai campus	Hosting of Scholarship function for Shaastra Annual Technical Festival (Madras)	\$4,770.00
31.12.2008	India Habitat Centre, New Delhi	Confederation of Indian Industry Partnership Dinner	\$3,095.00
31.12.2008	Hotel Cosmos Calle 100, No. 21A-41 Bogota	Expo Australia08 in Bogota Inaugural reception	\$3,000.00
31.12.2008	Grand Intercontinental Hotel, COEX Seoul	Networking event for Australian and Korean education representatives following the annual Australia-Korea Partnerships in Higher Education Workshop	\$15,948.82
Subtotal			\$75,626.23

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Event DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE	COST (\$) (Ex GST)
GENERAL EXPENDITURE (< \$1000 in value per event)			
PURPOSE			
Executive		General Official Hospitality includes:	\$5,715.81
Ministers Offices			\$11,414.77
OECECC		▪ Launches attended by the media;	\$13,312.50
Schooling & COAG		▪ Hospitality associated with advisory committee functions;	\$38,760.47
Tertiary, Youth & International		▪ Major events relating to the progress or promotion of the	\$31,877.47
Employment		Department's business	\$521.08
Employment & Strategy		▪ Hospitality which promotes a government policy or objective;	\$12,479.85
Workplace Relations		▪ Hosting visiting officials and dignitaries from overseas;	\$7,928.65
Corporate & Network		▪ Hospitality which facilitates the conduct of public business and	\$18,951.76
		▪ Hospitality at functions for staff in recognition of significant events	
Total < \$1000			\$140,962.36
Total			\$216,588.59

MAJOR EVENTS 2008-09 Financial Year (1 July 2008 – 28 February 2009)

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07.07.2008	Hilton Hotel, Melbourne Airport, Arrival Drive, Tullamarine VIC	COAG Productivity Agenda Working Group Skills and Workforce Development	\$1,313.59
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21.10.2008	Hilton Hotel, Melbourne Airport,	COAG Productivity Agenda Working Group	\$1,267.73

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	Arrival Drive, Tullamarine VIC	Skills and Workforce Development	
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Subtotal			\$70,555.03
GENERAL EXPENDITURE (< \$1000 in value per event)			
PURPOSE			
Executive Ministers Offices OECECC Schooling & COAG Tertiary, Youth & International Employment	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 ▪ Hospitality which promotes a government policy or objective; 		\$3,100.55 \$4,384.96 \$9,616.98 \$28,530.94 \$32,843.95 \$999.16

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Employment & Strategy Workplace Relations Corporate & Network		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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 	\$1,687.09 \$2,959.07 \$18,307.78
Total < \$1000			\$102,430.48
Total			\$172,985.51