

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** All  
**Output Group:** All

#### **DEST Question No. E019\_06**

Senator Carr provided in writing.

*Refers to DEST Question No E510\_05*

#### **Question:**

We have been asking since November for a breakdown of corporate hospitality and entertainment for financial years 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and for this financial year so far.

A breakdown was finally received in answer E510\_05 on Tuesday 24 May

- What is the cause of this delay? How could it take from November to late May to provide a simple breakdown of corporate expenditure?
- Aren't all expenditure items logged using a code? Why did it take so long for this code to be used to provide detail of all expenditure in the same way it was used to reconcile a total?
- Please provide the dates and locations of the International delegations and the names of the participants.
- Please provide details of the 20 most expensive events listed under the General Group and State Hospitality category.

#### **Answer:**

##### *Reasons for delays*

Delays were experienced in providing the requested breakdown of expenses for several reasons. During the extended timeframe specified by QoN E510\_05 (financial years 2001-02 to 2004-05 YTD), the chart of accounts was restructured to reflect periodic changes in the Department's organisational structure. Therefore, analysis of accounts across years involved detailed interrogation of the financial information management system, former account hierarchies and recalling of documents archived off-site.

##### *Hospitality expenditure*

A single code is used to record hospitality expenditure. However the hospitality expenditure data in the financial management information system is not recorded by event. The data had to be disaggregated, analysed (along with data from a range of other sources) and then consolidated in order to obtain data by major event type.

##### *International delegations*

Please refer to Appendix 1, attached.

### General Group and State Hospitality

The following table lists the 20 most expensive events as reported under the General Group and State Hospitality category in response to question on notice E510\_05. This category covers less than 25% of the official hospitality expenditure.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Event Description</b>
<b>1</b>	2001-02	<b>25,907.70</b>	Review of Guidelines & Counselling Services in Australia - Country Visit - International costs paid to the OECD
<b>2</b>	2002-03	<b>4,724.45</b>	National Research Priorities Committee Dinner
<b>3</b>	2004-05	<b>4,697.18</b>	Science Group Planning day
<b>4</b>	2001-02	<b>4,337.28</b>	Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) Youth Forum
<b>5</b>	2003-04	<b>4,218.36</b>	Science Group Planning day
<b>6</b>	2002-03	<b>4,051.64</b>	Higher Education Review Consultation
<b>7</b>	2002-03	<b>4,036.82</b>	National Research Priorities Committee Dinner
<b>8</b>	2002-03	<b>3,776.36</b>	National Programme Management Board – Whole of Government Function
<b>9</b>	2002-03	<b>3,230.02</b>	Organisation for Economic and Cultural Development (OECD) International Education system (IES) Technical Group Conference
<b>10</b>	2002-03	<b>2,929.09</b>	AVCC Post-Budget Dinner
<b>11</b>	2002-03	<b>2,545.45</b>	Higher Education Review Consultation
<b>12</b>	2002-03	<b>2,450.00</b>	Launch of 'Study in Australia'
<b>13</b>	2003-04	<b>2,422.73</b>	National Programme Management Board Function
<b>14</b>	2001-02	<b>2,262.99</b>	National Research Priorities Committee Dinner
<b>15</b>	2003-04	<b>2,131.82</b>	CRC Association Conference

<b>16</b>	2002-03	<b>2,045.45</b>	CRC Committee
<b>17</b>	2002-03	<b>2,000.00</b>	Open-for-Business Facilitators Event
<b>18</b>	2001-02	<b>1,831.82</b>	Meeting on Higher Education Data
<b>19</b>	2001-02	<b>1,650.00</b>	Function costs Nungalinya College, Darwin
<b>20</b>	2003-04	<b>1,459.59</b>	Function for Science and Technology Counsellors

## APPENDIX 1

### **VISITS BY DELEGATIONS TO AUSTRALIA JULY 2001 TO JUNE 2005**

The dates and locations of international delegations have been provided below. The position held by the visiting delegates has also been provided. Details provided comprise information held in files to hand. Further detail on delegations dating back three years or more may be on archived files and would take some time, and significant resources to document.

#### **Delegation: Chinese Education Counsellors, People's Republic of China Embassy**

Date: 24 June 2005

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: People's Republic of China

Positions of delegates:-

Chinese Education Counsellor and Spouse, People's Republic of China Embassy;  
Third Secretary, People's Republic of China Embassy.

#### **Delegation: India/Australia Joint Working Group on Education and Training Cooperation**

Date: 24 May 2005

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: India

Delegates:-

5 officials from relevant Indian ministries;  
1 representative from Indian Embassy.

#### **Delegation: Chilean Ministry of Education English Language Delegation**

Date: 14 to 18 May 2005 in Sydney  
19 to 21 May 2005 in Brisbane

Location: Sydney and Brisbane

Country of origin: Chile

Positions of delegates: Officials from -

Ministry of Education;  
Servicio Nacional de Capacitacion y Empleo;  
Fundacion Minera Escondida;  
ENDESA;  
Banco del Desarrollo;  
Inversiones Centa SA.

#### **Delegation: Chinese Vice Minister for Education**

Date: 21 April 2005

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: People's Republic of China

Positions of delegates:-

Vice Minister & Chief Commissioner of Supervision, Ministry of Education (MOE),  
People's Republic of China;  
Deputy Chief Commissioner of Supervision, Ministry of Education (MOE), People's  
Republic of China;  
Deputy Director-General, Department of Education, Hubei Provincial Government;  
Deputy Director-General, Department of Education, Jilin Provincial Government;

Division Director, Department of Supervision & Inspection, Ministry of Education (MOE), People's Republic of China;  
Deputy Director, Division of American and Oceanic Affairs, Department of International Cooperation and Exchanges, (MOE), People's Republic of China;  
People's Republic of China Embassy Counsellor (Education);  
People's Republic of China Embassy, Third Secretary.

**Delegation: Permanent Secretary, Royal Thai Ministry of Education – e-Learning Visit**

Date: 13 April 2005

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: Thailand

Positions of delegates:-

Permanent Secretary, Royal Thai Ministry of Education;  
Official, Royal Thai Ministry of Education.

**Delegation: Chilean Lifelong Learning Delegation**

Date: 13 April 2005

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: Chile

Positions of delegates:-

Vice Minister for Education, Chile  
Advisor to Chilean Minister of Education  
Advisor to the Minister of Economy

Representatives of:

Chile Califica (Chile Lifelong Learning Programme);  
Chile Califica;  
National Service for Employment and Training  
Fundacion Chile;  
Chilean Ministry of Education;  
Chilean Confederation of Workers Unions;  
Chilean Employers of the Industrial Sector;  
Chilean Employers of the Tourism Sector;  
Sociedad de Fomento Fabril;  
Chilean Regional Technical Education Network;  
World Bank;  
Chile Lifelong Learning Loan, World Bank.

**Delegation: Deputy Director General of the Shanghai Municipal Education Commission**

Date: 6 April 2005

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: People's Republic of China

Positions of delegates:-

Deputy Director General of the Shanghai Municipal Education Commission;  
Two members from People's Republic of China Embassy;

**Delegation: Chilean Ministry of Education VET Advisory Council Delegation**

Date: 12 to 19 March 2005

Location: Sydney, Canberra, Adelaide, Brisbane

Country of origin: Chile

Positions of delegates: Representatives of -

Chilean Ministry of Education;

Sociedad de Fomento Fabril;  
Federacion de Instituciones de Educacion Particular;  
Caja de Compensacion La Araucana;  
Confederacion Federaciones y Sindicatos de la Educacion Tecnica Profesional  
DuocUc;  
Colegio Salesiano de Concepcion.

**Delegation: Chinese Vice Minister of Education**

Date: 17 March 2005

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: People's Republic of China

Positions of delegates:-

Vice Minister for Education;  
Deputy Director-General, Department of International Cooperation and Exchanges, MoE;  
Director General, National Office for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language;  
Deputy Secretary-General, China Education Association for International Exchange;  
Deputy Secretary-General, China Scholarship Council;  
Deputy Director General, Centre for Educational Development and Research;  
Secretary-General, Federation of University Sports of China (FUSC);  
Director, Division of Policy and Planning, Department of International Cooperation and Exchanges, MoE;  
Director, Division of Supervision and Management, Department of International Cooperation and Exchanges, MoE;  
Secretary to Vice Minister Zhang Xinsheng;  
Director, Department of Policy and Regulation, MoE;  
Director, Division of American and Oceanian Affairs, Department of International Cooperation and Exchanges, MoE;  
Director, Division of Asia-Pacific Affairs, China Education Association for International Exchange;  
People's Republic of China Ambassador to Australia;  
People's Republic of China Embassy Counsellor (Education);  
People's Republic of China Embassy Third Secretary.

**Delegation: UK Adult Learning Inspectorate**

Date: 4 March 2005

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: UK

Positions of delegates:-

Chief Inspector, Adult Learning Inspectorate;  
Chair, Adult Learning Inspectorate;  
Director of Inspection, Adult Learning Inspectorate;  
Director of Inspection, Adult Learning Inspectorate;  
Inspection Manager, Adult Learning Inspectorate;  
Full Time Inspector, Adult Learning Inspectorate;  
Executive Support, Adult Learning Inspectorate;  
Deputy Director, Skills for Success, Department for Education & Skills;  
Deputy Director, Apprenticeships, Department for Education & Skills;  
Director, British Gas & Engineering Academy;  
Director of Skills, Learning and Skills Council;  
Head of Sector Skills, Qualifications & Curriculum Authority;  
Director of Workforce Development, Sector Skills Development Agency.

**Delegation: Visit by Head, European Union Erasmus Mundus Programme**

Date: 3 March 2005

Location: Saville Park Suites, 84 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

Country of origin: Europe

Positions of delegates:-

Head, Erasmus Mundus Programme, Directorate General of Education and Culture;  
Adviser, Delegation of the European Commission to Australia and New Zealand.

**Delegation: United States Council of State School Officers Delegation**

Date: 25 February 2005

Location: Saville Canberra

Country of origin: USA

Positions of delegates: Representatives of -

Council of State Schools Officers;  
Delaware Department of Education;  
Georgia Department of Education;  
Idaho Department of Education;  
Massachusetts Department of Education;  
Rhode Island Department of Education;  
Washington Department of Public Instruction;  
National Association of State Boards of Education;  
American Youth Policy Forum;  
Council of State Schools Officers.

**Delegation: Mexican Minister for Education and Education Delegation**

Date: 1 to 8 February 2005

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: Mexico

Positions of delegates:-

Minister of Public Education;  
Director General for Higher Education;  
Director General for Validation and Accreditation;  
Director for Bilateral Relations;  
Director for Scholarships;  
Official, Public Service Ministry and Ministry of Public Education;  
Official, National Polytechnical Institute;  
Representative of Instituto Latinoamericano de la Comunicación Educativa.

**Delegation: Visit by German Rectors Conference (HRK)**

Date: 17-23 October 2004

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: Germany

Positions of delegates:-

President, German Rectors Conference (HRK);  
Vice-President for International Affairs, German Rectors Conference (HRK), President of the University of Giessen;  
Vice-President German Rectors Conference (HRK), President of University of Applied Sciences Osnabrueck (FH);  
Rector, RWTH Aachen;  
Professor, University of Tübingen;  
Secretary-General, German Rectors Conference (HRK);  
Head of Section Asia, Australia and Oceania, International Department, German Rectors Conference (HRK).

**Delegation: Chilean Ministry of Education's Pasantias Program**

Date: 24 November 2004

Location: Sydney

Country of origin: Chile

Delegates:- 22 delegates from Chile involved in Pasantias Program

**Delegation: Iran Technical and Vocational Training Organisation**

Date: 22 November 2004

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: Iran

Delegates:- 3 delegates from Iran, 2 representatives from Embassy of Iran

**Delegation: Consortium of School Networking**

Date: 8 November 2004

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: Various

Positions of delegates: Representatives of -

Western Michigan University, Chair, Consortium of School Networking International Committee;

Department for Education & Skills/UK;

Ministry of Education, New Zealand;

National Science Foundation;

myinternet Limited;

Consortium of School Networking (2);

US Department of Education;

Bob Moore, Consortium of School Networking Board of Directors;

Owen Lynch, British Educational Communications and Technology Agency

education.au (2);

NM Public Education Department;

Louisiana Department of Education;

Plato Learning.

**Delegation: Danish Education Minister and Delegation**

Date: 10 October 2004

Location: 1 Macquarie Street, East Circular Quay, Sydney

Country of origin: Denmark

Positions of delegates:-

Minister for Education, Denmark;

Personal Secretary to the Minister;

Director-General, National Education Authority, Ministry of Education;

Head of Section, International Relations Division, Ministry of Education.

**Delegation: Norwegian Minister for Education and Research**

Date: 12 October 2004

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: Norway

Positions of delegates:-

Norwegian Minister for Education and Research;

Three Norwegian Officials;

Norwegian Ambassador to Australia.



**Delegation: Swedish Parliamentary Committee on the Labour Market**

Date: 8 September 2004

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: Sweden

Positions of delegates:-

Chairman of the Committee on the Labour Market, and Head of this Delegation.

16 Delegation members;

Swedish Ambassador to Australia;

Counsellor attached to Swedish Embassy;

Trainee attached to Swedish Embassy.

**Delegation: Chinese Embassy Second Secretary (Education)**

Date: 10 August 2004

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: People's Republic of China

Positions of delegates:-

Embassy Second Secretary (Education) plus 3 Embassy Representatives

**Delegation: Hong Kong Secretary for Education and Manpower Bureau**

Date: 6 May 2004

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: Hong Kong

Positions of delegates:-

Hong Kong Secretary, Bureau of Education and Manpower, Hong Kong;

Official, Office of the Secretary for Education and Manpower, Hong Kong.

**Delegation Danish delegation of education representatives**

Date: March 2004

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: Denmark

Positions of delegates:-

Director General, Cirius;

International Coordinator, University College of Aarhus;

Professor in Zoology and pro-Vice-Chancellor, The Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University;

Professor, Faculty of Engineering and Science, Aalborg University;

Secretary General, The Danish Rectors' Conference of University Colleges;

Director, International Programmes Department, Copenhagen Business School;

3 Senior advisers, Cirius;

Rector, University College of Nutrition and Health;

Rector, University College, Fyn;

Chief of Division, Ministry of Education;

State Educational Grant and Loan Agency;

Director, Ministry of Education;

National Authorities for Institutional Affairs;

Senior adviser, education and research, FTF, Salaried Employees' and Civil Servants' Confederation;

Senior international adviser, LO - the Danish Confederation of Trade Unions;

Dept. of Health, Safety and Competencies.

**Delegation: Russian Education Delegation**

Date: 28 January 2004

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: Russia

Positions of delegates:-

The rector of Chelyabinsk State Teacher-training University;  
Editor-in-Chief, National Teachers' Newspaper;  
President, Russian Association for Civil Education;  
Rector of Ufa State Institute of Service;  
Junior member of the chair "Social & Cultural Service and Tourism" of Ufa State Institute of Service;  
Foundation and Academic Work Pro-rector of Tumen State Oil and Gas University;  
Official, Institute of Transport Director of Tumen State Oil and Gas University;  
Pro-rector of Tumen State Oil and Gas University;  
Director of the Educational Department of Khanty-Mansijsk Autonomous Region;  
Rector of Surgut State Teacher-training Institute and two staff members;  
Rector of Ugorsky State University.

**Delegation: Vice Minister - Ministry of Education, People's Republic of China**

Date: 5 November 2003

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: People's Republic of China

Positions of delegates:-

Vice Minister - Ministry of Education;  
Deputy Director, Department of International Cooperation and Exchanges;  
Deputy Director, Office of Academic Degrees Committee of the State Council;  
Deputy Director, Office of MoE-Affiliated Universities, Department of Higher Education, MoE;  
Deputy Division Chief, Department of International Cooperation and Exchanges;  
Secretary to Vice Minister.

**Delegation: First Deputy Minister of Education of the Russian Federation**

Date: 28 October 2003

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: Russia

Positions of delegates:-

First Deputy Minister of Education of the Russian Federation;  
President, Fond Dobro (Kindness Foundation);  
Vice President, Fond Dobro.

**Delegation: German Vocational Education and Training Study Tour to Australia (2002)**

Date: 26 October to 8 November 2003

Location: Melbourne, Canberra, Hobart, Sydney

Country of origin: Germany

Delegates:- 14 delegates

**Delegation: Roundtable Discussion with Director of the Policy Unit, 10 Downing Street (United Kingdom)**

Date: 7 October 2003

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: UK

Positions of delegates:-

Director of the Policy Unit, 10 Downing Street (United Kingdom)

**Delegation: Department of Higher Education, India**

Date: 12 March 2003

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: India

Delegates:- 2 delegates

**Delegation: Chinese Vice Minister for Education**

Date: 2 December 2002

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: People's Republic of China

Positions of delegates:-

Vice Minister of Ministry of Education (Leader of the delegation);

Director General, Education Auditing and Inspection Office;

Deputy Director General, Department of International Cooperation and Exchanges;

Deputy Director General, Department of Basic Education;

Deputy Director General, Department of Vocational and Adult Education;

Senior Program Officer, Department of International Cooperation and Exchanges;

Counsellor (Education), People's Republic of China Embassy, Canberra.

**Delegation: German Vocational Education and Training Study Tour to Australia**

Date: 28 October to 10 November 2001

Location: Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney

Country of origin: Germany

Delegates:- 15 delegates

**Delegation: Higher Education Delegation, People's Republic of China**

Date: 28 March 2001

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: People's Republic of China

Positions of delegates:-

Director – General and delegation (8);

Education Counsellor and interpreter, Chinese Embassy (2).