

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

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

#### **DEST Question No. E008\_07**

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Refers to DEST Question No E510\_05 and E505\_06.

#### **Question:**

Please update E510\_05 for 2004-05 and 2005-06. Please also provide details of the top 20 most expensive events in each relevant category in each of the last five years, e.g. General Group and State Hospitality, major events. Please provide dates and locations of international delegations and visits by DEST officials since 2001, including cost breakdowns of each trip.

#### **Answer:**

##### **Corporate Hospitality Expenditure**

Departmental Hospitality expenses for the periods 2004-05 and 2005-06 broken down between major events and general Group and State hospitality are provided in Attachment A.

Details of the top 20 most expensive events occurring 2005-06 are provided in Attachment B.

A listing of international delegations for the 2005-06 financial year is provided at Attachment C. For prior years, please refer to E019\_06.

**DEST OFFICIAL HOSPITALITY EXPENSES**

	2004-05	2005-06	
<b>MAJOR EVENTS</b>			<b>ACTIVITIES</b>
PM's Science Prizes	83,251	79,341	600 guests hosted in the Great Hall of Parliament House. Held annually.
Questacon Activities	68,609	84,405	Exhibition launches, programmes for children and teachers
International Delegations	46,311	85,153	Overseas Ministers and education delegations
PMSIEC	11,007	22,327	Council meetings, working groups, two annual dinners hosted by the Prime Minister
CRC Committee and Appraisal/Expert Panels	6,904	3,472	Committee meetings, working meals
<b>GENERAL GROUP AND STATE HOSPITALITY</b>			
Corporate and Executive	20,069	14,443	General Official Hospitality includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Launches attended by the media;</li> <li>▪ Hospitality associated with advisory committee functions;</li> <li>▪ Major events relating to the progress or promotion of the Department's business</li> <li>▪ Hospitality which promotes a government policy or objective;</li> <li>▪ Hosting visiting officials and dignitaries from overseas;</li> <li>▪ Hospitality which facilitates the conduct of public business and</li> <li>▪ Hospitality at functions for staff in recognition of significant events.</li> </ul>
General Science	15,827	36,280 <sup>1</sup>	
Schools	2,206	6,577	
Higher Education	667	1,274	
Vocational Education and Training	3,361	5,720	
Indigenous and Transitions	177	1,282	
Strategic Analysis and Evaluation	1,811	239	
Information Services	0	0	
Innovation & Research Systems	1,784	4,612	
State Offices	1,717	13,326 <sup>2</sup>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>263,700</b>	<b>358,452</b>	

1 Of this amount \$18,836 relates to a reception, dinner and catering at various meetings of the OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development) Committee for Science and Technology Policy.

2 Of this amount \$12,009 relates to costs associated with 2005 State Conferences.

**General Group and State Hospitality**

The following table lists the 20 most expensive events occurring in the 2005-06 financial year as reported under the General Group and State Hospitality category in response to question on notice E510\_05.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Event Description</b>
<b>1</b>	22,996.36	Four day conference for Committee for Scientific and Technological Policy (CSTP), Sydney
<b>2</b>	8,405.82	State Conference
<b>3</b>	4,188.18	Chief Scientist – recognition dinner
<b>4</b>	3,602.73	State Conference
<b>5</b>	2,727.27	2006-07 Budget event
<b>6</b>	2,308.54	New Apprenticeships Access Programme (NAAP) Brokers' Forum
<b>7</b>	2,300.00	Group planning day
<b>8</b>	2,300.00	Group planning day
<b>9</b>	1,867.27	Government-Business Innovation Round table
<b>10</b>	1,675.10	National Training Quality Council (NTQC) dinner
<b>11</b>	1,233.64	NCRIS Consultations - Melbourne
<b>12</b>	1,215.45	Australia-India Science and Technology Joint Steering Committee dinner
<b>13</b>	1,174.91	ANTA Senior Management Staff dinner
<b>14</b>	1,173.64	Australian participation in the OECD initiatives Schooling for Tomorrow and Teachers Matter Seminar
<b>15</b>	1,160.00	Group planning day
<b>16</b>	1,052.00	Chief Scientist - Reception
<b>17</b>	943.23	Executive planning day
<b>18</b>	919.88	NCRIS Consultations - Sydney
<b>19</b>	905.00	CRC Committee Dinner
<b>20</b>	868.18	Group planning day

## ***International delegations hosted by DEST 1 July 2005 – 30 June 2006***

### **1) Delegation: Jordanian Accreditation Council Delegation visit**

Date: 12 July 2005

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: Jordan

Delegates:

Director General, Accreditation Council, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research  
Quality Assurance Manager, Accreditation Council, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research

### **2) Delegation: Indonesian Speaker at the ACPET conference**

Date: August 2005

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: Indonesia

Delegates:

Coordinator of Private Higher Education Institutions in North Sumatra and Aceh  
Indonesian Department of National Education  
Official from the Indonesian Embassy

### **3) Delegation: Saudi National Council for Academic Accreditation and Delegation Assessment visit**

Date: 8 August 2005

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: Saudi Arabia

Delegates:

Secretary General, King Fahad University of Petroleum & Minerals (head of the NCAAA)  
Officials from the Saudi National Council for Academic Accreditation and Delegation Assessment

### **4) Delegation: Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) visit**

Date: 25 August 2005

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: Vietnam

Delegates:

Director of Testing and Education Accreditation Department  
Officials from Ministry of Education and Training, Vietnam

### **5) Delegation: Chinese Service Centre for International Exchange**

Date: 5 September 2005

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: People's Republic of China

Delegates:

Director General, Chinese Service Centre for Scholarly Exchange (CSCSE)  
Director, Ministry of Education  
Director, CSC SE  
Director, Beijing Municipal Education Commission  
Deputy Director, Liaoning Service Centre for Scholarly Exchange  
Director, Guangdong Education Service of International Exchanges  
Director, Jinyan Overseas Service for Exchanges of Panyu  
Manager, Chivast Education International  
Deputy Director, Tianjin Service Centre for Overseas Talents  
Manager, CSCSE  
Second Secretary, Embassy of the People's Republic of China to Australia

**6) Delegation: Chilean Human Resource Managers Delegation**

Date: 10 to 17 September 2005

Location: Sydney

Country of origin: Chile

Delegates:

1 Official from the Ministry of Education

10 Human Resource Directors from leading corporations in Chile

**7) Delegation: United States Familiarisation Tour**

Date: 18 September to 2 October

Location: Canberra, Adelaide, Perth, Sydney

Country of origin: United States of America

Delegates:

1 Official from the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers

11 representatives from US higher education institutions

**8) Delegation: Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee VTE visit**

Date: 21 September 2005

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: Vietnam

Delegates:

Standing Deputy Director of City Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (MOLISA) (Head of Delegation);

Head of Vocational Secondary Education and Teacher Training; Division Department of Education and Training (MOET)

Rector of Ho Chi Minh City Technical Worker School

**9) Delegation: Chinese Ministry of Education – Department of Policy and Regulation**

Date: 22 September 2005

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: People's Republic of China

Delegates:

Deputy Director-General, Department of Policy and Regulation, Ministry of Education (MoE)

Chief, Division of Topic Specific Research, Department of Policy and Regulation, MoE

Chief, Division of Comprehensive Research, Department of Policy and Regulation, MoE

Director of General Office, School of Education Administration, MoE

Chief of Division, Chongqing Municipal Education Commission

Chief of Division, Department of Education, Heilongjiang Province

Interpreter, Beijing Normal University

Minister Counsellor, Embassy of the People's Republic of China to Australia

Third Secretary, Embassy of the People's Republic of China to Australia

**10) Delegation: Veszprem University, Hungary**

Date: 11 to 14 October 2005

Location: Canberra, Sydney

Country of origin: Hungary

Delegates:

Rector

Vice-Rector for Strategic Affairs

Vice-Rector for Scientific and International Relations

**11) Delegation: Irish Parliamentary Committee on Education and Science Delegation**

Date: 9 November 2005

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: Ireland

Delegates:

3 members of the Irish Parliament

**12) Delegation: Chinese Ministry of Education – Bureau of Administration**

Date: 9 December 2005

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: People's Republic of China

Delegates:

Deputy Director-General, Bureau of Administration, Ministry of Education (MoE)

2 x Director, Bureau of Administration, MoE

Director, President's Office, Tongji University

Deputy Director, Bureau of Administration, MoE

Program Officer, Department of International Cooperation and Exchanges, MoE

Minister Counsellor, Embassy of the People's Republic of China to Australia

Third Secretary, Embassy of the People's Republic of China to Australia

**13) Delegation: Chinese Ministry of Education – Department of International Cooperation and Exchanges**

Date: 6 April 2006

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: People's Republic of China

Delegates:

Deputy Director General, Department of International Cooperation and Exchanges, Ministry of Education (MoE)

Deputy Director-General, China Educational Development Research Centre (CEDRC)

Deputy Director-General, Shanghai Municipal Educational Committee

Official, General Office, MoE

Deputy Director, Division of American and Oceanian Affairs, Department of International Cooperation and Exchanges, MoE

Research Professor, CEDRC

**14) Delegation: Brazil Ministry of Education**

Date: 29 March to 6 April 2006

Location: Canberra, Sydney, Brisbane

Country of origin: Brazil

Delegates:

Officials from the Ministry of Education

Officials from the Council of CEFETs - Federal Centres of Technological Education

**15) Delegation: Minister for Education, Culture and Science, the Netherlands**

Date: 8 May to 13 May 2006

Location: Perth, Alice Springs, Canberra, Sydney

Country of origin: the Netherlands

Delegates:

Minister for Education, Culture and Science

Officials from the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science

**16) Delegation: Australia-China (Chongqing) Vocational Education and Training Project (ACCVETP)**

Date: 31 May 2006

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: People's Republic of China

Delegates:

Assistant Inspector, Office for All-Round Reform of Education in the City and Rural Areas,  
Department of Vocational Education and Adult Education, Ministry of Education (MoE)  
Senior Engineer and Director, Division of Adult Education, Department of Vocational Education and  
Adult Education, MoE  
Program Official, Division of American and Oceanian Affairs, Department of International Cooperation  
and Exchanges, MoE  
6 x Directors, 1 x Deputy Director (National Government Officials) of National Industry Associations –  
Construction, Automotive, Tourism and Hospitality, Business, Electronics, Health, Primary Industries  
Deputy Director, Chongqing Municipal Education Commission (CMEC)  
Division Director, Department of Vocational and Adult Education, CMEC  
Australian Team Leader, ACCVETP  
2 x ACCVET / CMEC Assistants  
4 x Directors, 3 x Deputy Directors, 2 x Assistants (Chongqing Government Officials) of Municipal  
Industry Skills Councils – Resettlement, Electronics, Health, Tourism and Hospitality, Construction,  
Automotive, Agriculture, Business  
2 x Interpreters  
Third Secretary, Embassy of the People's Republic of China to Australia  
Attaché, Embassy of the People's Republic of China to Australia

**17) Delegation: Chinese Ministry of Education – Office of National Education Inspectorate**

Date: 30 June 2006

Location: Canberra

Country of origin: People's Republic of China

Delegates:

Deputy Director-General, Office of National Education Inspectorate (ONEI),  
Ministry of Education (MoE)  
Director, Office of General Affairs, ONEI  
Deputy Director, Division of Inspection and Evaluation, ONEI  
Executive Deputy Director, Office of Educational Inspection, Beijing Municipal Government  
Deputy Director-General, Education Bureau, Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps  
Director, Office of Educational Inspection, Department of Education, Jiangsu Province  
Director, Office of Educational Inspection, Anhui Province  
Interpreter, Information and Research Division, National Examinations Centre, MoE  
Minister Counsellor, Embassy of the People's Republic of China to Australia  
Third Secretary, Embassy of the People's Republic of China to Australia