

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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Senator Wong, asked on 2 November 2005, EWRE Hansard page 15.

Question:

Corporate Hospitality

Okay. Perhaps you could at least provide the data for 1999 to 2001-02. I would think hospitality is always an issue that is of interest; there must be some data to which you could refer to extrapolate for the committee from 1995-96 to 1999.

Answer:

Corporate Hospitality

Departmental Hospitality expenses for the financial years 1999-00, 2000-01 and 2001-02 broken down between major events and general Group and State hospitality are attached.

The table also shows the total hospitality expenditure for financial years 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99. The Department is unable to disaggregate this data further as in these years the Department either used a different financial management information system or a substantially different account structure and detailed records are not readily available.

DEST OFFICIAL HOSPITALITY EXPENSES

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02		
MAJOR EVENTS								ACTIVITIES	
PM's Science Prizes ¹					0	0	0	600 guests hosted in the Great Hall of Parliament House. Held annually.	
Questacon Activities ²					0	0	0	Exhibition launches, programmes for children and teachers	
International Delegations					2,456	4,425	8,021	Overseas Ministers and education delegations	
PMSIEC					0	0	4,193	Council meetings, working groups, two annual dinners hosted by the Prime Minister	
CRC Committee and Appraisal/Expert Panels					0	0	3,132	Committee meetings, working meals	
GENERAL GROUP AND STATE									
Corporate					10,915	19,928	6,731	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; ▪ 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					0	0	6,337		
Schools					1,371	949	28,135 ³		
Higher Education					3,360	426	326		
Vocational Education and Training					7,461	1,561	5,363		
Indigenous and Transitions					155	0	0		
Strategic Analysis and Evaluation					0	0	1,832		
Information Services					98	318	1,422		
Innovation & Research Systems					0	0	0		
State Offices					2,637	918	5,017		
ARC					16,739	2,701	0		
TOTAL	119,162	55,938	48,345	26,049	45,193	31,227	70,509		

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 \$26,021 relates to an OECD information, guidance and counselling project.