

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Cross Portfolio

DEEWR Question No. EW0522_12

Senator Back provided in writing.

Question

Hospitality and Entertainment

"1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for the year 2010-11. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 3. What is the Department's entertainment spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for the year 2010-11. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event"

Answer

DEEWR and its Agencies have provided the following response::

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Total hospitality expenditure for the Department for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 was \$82,860.91. Please refer to the tables below for a breakdown between events of \$1,000 or more and general Group and State hospitality and a breakdown by Ministerial office. To provide details for each item of expenditure would require an unreasonable diversion of Departmental resources.

Event DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE	COST (\$) (Ex GST)
9 June 2010	Hilton Hotel Melbourne Airport, Melbourne VIC	Workshop to discuss draft statement of requirement for the RFT for the Vocational Education Broadband Network	\$1,558.45
23 June 2010	Stamford Grand Hotel Moseley Square Adelaide SA	Workshop to develop advice to COAG on the Early Childhood Development Strategy and the Early Years Workforce Development Strategy.	\$1,464.09
9 July 2010	Hilton Hotel Melbourne Airport Melbourne VIC	Indigenous Early Childhood Development National Partnership Evaluation Strategy Workshop	\$2,318.18
16 July 2010	Mercure Sydney Airport 20 Leway St Sydney NSW	CCMS Technical Reference Group Meeting.	\$1,227.27
2 August 2010	Shangri-La Eros Hotel 19 Askoka Rd Connaught Place New Delhi	Discussions with Indian Government and Industry representatives to progress the bi-lateral relationship between Australia and India regarding key issues and challenges for the education market	\$1,073.66
6 August 2010	Queensland Lions Football Club 133 Pine Road, Richlands Brisbane QLD	DEEWR presentation regarding the survey on Employer's Recruitment Experiences in the Ipswich/ Logan area	\$1,421.36
3 September 2010	University House, Australian National University Canberra ACT	National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education jurisdiction meeting.	\$1,627.27
2 November 2010	Beijing Hong Kong Jockey Club 68 Jinbao St Doncheng Beijing	Meeting between Australian officials and Chinese officials in relation to education.	\$1,234.29
9 November 2010	Bijan Restaurant Jalan Bukit Ceylon Kuala Lumpur Malaysia	AEI Regional Counsellors Conference Dinner	\$2,597.81

Event DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE	COST (\$) (Ex GST)
10 November 2010	Australian High Commission Chancery 6 Jalan Yap Kwan Seng Kuala Lumpur Malaysia	Endeavours of Excellence (EOE) Book launch, a celebration of Australia's educational links to Malaysia.	\$2,741.76
29 November 2010	Stamford Grand Hotel Moseley Square Adelaide SA	Early Childhood Data Standards Group meeting to further develop the National program.	\$1,181.82
7 December 2010	Parliament House - Private Dining Room	Ministerial Council Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs dinner	\$3,442.00
26 January 2011	Australian High Commission Chancery 6 Jalan Yap Kwan Seng Kuala Lumpur Malaysia	Australia Day celebrations – Malaysia.	\$1,006.71
26 Jan 2011	Hyatt Hotel Bangkok 494 Rajdamri Rd Bangkok Thailand	Australia Day celebrations – Thailand.	\$1,345.09
17 February 2011	Dieci e Mezzo Bunda St Canberra ACT	National Tertiary Education and Employment Council dinner.	\$2,565.45
25 February 2011	Clifton on Northbourne 100 Northbourne Ave Canberra ACT	Meeting of the Early Childhood Data SubGroup (ECDSG) to further develop the National Early Childhood Education and Care Data standards	\$1,042.73
25 February 2011	Oaks on Market 60 Market St Melbourne VIC	Meeting of registered software providers relating to Child Care Management System changes	\$2,600.00
16 May 2011	Rydges Melbourne 186 Exhibition St Melbourne VIC	National Early Childhood Educational and Care Data Standards Committee dinner.	\$1,300.00
Subtotal			\$31,747.94

Minister/ Parliamentary Secretary

The Hon Peter Garrett MP <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth	\$950.00
Senator the Hon Chris Evans <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations	\$665.64
Senator the Hon Mark Arbib <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minister for Indigenous Employment and Economic Development	\$0
The Hon Kate Ellis MP <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minister for Employment Participation and Childcare	\$0
Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins <ul style="list-style-type: none">Parliamentary Secretary for School education and Workplace Relations	\$0
Subtotal	\$1,615.64

*note DEEWR responsibility for organisation and cost with Minister/ Parliamentary Secretary hosting

GENERAL EXPENDITURE (< \$1000 in value per event)	
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 	
Expenditure by Cluster	
Executive	\$407.63
Corporate	\$2,121.73
Employment	\$54.68
OECECC	\$5,926.39
Schools	\$5,833.64
State Network	\$1,877.53
Strategy	\$9,532.69
Tertiary, Youth & International	\$23,651.34
Workplace Relations	\$91.70
Total < \$1000	\$49,497.33
Total	\$82,860.91

Portfolio Agencies

Hospitality Events > \$1,000				
AGENCY	EVENT DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE	COST (\$) (Ex GST)
ABCC				Nil
AITSL	27 October 2010	The Water's Edge 40 Parkes Place Parkes ACT	Dinner reception for Board Members	1,712.00
	22 November 2010	Zio's Restaurant 14 Lansdowne St East Melbourne VIC	Meeting with Principal Australian stakeholders	1,072.73
	2 December 2010	Era Bistro 102 Melbourne St South Brisbane QLD	Board meeting and dinner reception for Board Members and Staff	2,408.18
	22 February 2011	RACV Club 501 Bourke St Melbourne VIC	Meeting with leaders in the field to discuss AITSL's work	1,154.55
	3-4 February 2011	RACV Club 501 Bourke St Melbourne VIC	Board meeting and dinner reception for Board Members and Staff	2,768.64
	11 May 2011	RACV Club 501 Bourke St Melbourne VIC	Meeting with principal Australian stakeholders	1,069.09
	7 June 2011	RACV Club 501 Bourke St Melbourne VIC	Meeting with principal Australian stakeholders	1,096.91
Comcare	10 September 2010	Hellenic Club Moore St Canberra ACT	Project Harmony workshop	1,110.00
	1 February 2011	Hellenic Club Moore St	Technology Team Planning Day	1,201.00

Hospitality Events > \$1,000				
AGENCY	EVENT DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE	COST (\$) (Ex GST)
		Canberra ACT		
FWA	15 December 2010	FWA Offices 11 Exhibition St Melbourne VIC	End of year function	5,168.00
	25 February 2011	FWA Offices 11 Exhibition St Melbourne VIC	Waltzing Matilda and Sunshine Harvester Factory book launch	1,827.00
	21 March 2011	LaMint Restaurant 62 Riles St Sydney, NSW	Associated Forum Dinner	5,678.00
	5 May 2011	Kri Kri Restaurant 39 Little Bourke St Melbourne VIC	Managers Forum Dinner	2,040.00
FWO	9 December 2010	FWO Offices 414 Latrobe St Melbourne Vic	Stakeholders luncheon	2,608.00
SWA				Nil

Hospitality Events < \$1,000		
AGENCY	PURPOSE	COST (\$) (Ex GST)
ABCC	Various planning, strategic development and industry stakeholder meetings	663.41
AITSL	Various planning, strategic development and industry stakeholder meetings	3,747.54
Comcare	Various planning, strategic development and industry stakeholder meetings	13,076.00
FWA	Various planning, strategic development and industry stakeholder meetings	967.00
FWO	Various planning, strategic development and industry stakeholder meetings	2,232.10
SWA	One year anniversary celebration	220.00

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) spent \$0 on hospitality in 2010-11.

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) and the Tertiary Education Quality Standards Agency (TEQSA) commenced operations during 2011-12.

The Australian Learning and Teaching Council (ALTC) is in the process of being wound up. All financial and administrative records are in the hands of the liquidators and therefore no information is able to be provided at this time.

5 & 7. Estimated hospitality expenditure for 2011-12 by agency is provided in the table below.

DEEWR	\$75,000
ABCC	\$2,400
ACARA	Nil
AITSL	\$24,383
ASQA	Nil
Comcare	\$17,150
FWA	\$15,680
FWO	\$2,500
SWA	\$200
TEQSA	\$5,000