

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

**Cross Portfolio**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0445\_13**

**Senator Back provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Hospitality and entertainment - financial year to date**

"What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?"

**Answer**

Total hospitality expenditure for the department for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 October 2012 was \$6,205.49. 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. Hospitality and entertainment are interchangeable terms for this type of expenditure and both the Department and portfolios include both in the below information.

<b>Event DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>COST (\$) (Ex GST)</b>
19 July 2012	Park Royal Hotel, Arrival Drive, Tullamarine, Vic	Disability Employment Service Reference Group meeting	\$1,879
31 July 2012	DEEWR Offices, 50 Marcus Clarke St, Canberra, ACT	Childcare Management System (CCMS) Technical Reference Group meeting	\$1,200
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$3,080</b>

**Minister/ Parliamentary Secretary**

The Hon Peter Garrett AM MP	\$0
The Hon Bill Shorten MP	\$0
The Hon Julie Collins MP	\$0
The Hon Kate Ellis MP	\$0
Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins	\$0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0</b>

**GENERAL EXPENDITURE (< \$1000 in value per event)**

<b>PURPOSE</b>		
Executive	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>	\$334
Corporate & Network		\$389
Employment		\$319
ECWAIP		\$667
Schools and Youth		\$0
State Network		\$607
Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy		\$227
<b>Total &lt; \$1000</b>		<b>\$2,545</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5,625</b>

**Portfolio Agencies**

<b>Hospitality Events &gt; \$1,000</b>				
<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>EVENT DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>COST (\$) (Ex GST)</b>
AITSL	8 August 2012	Crown Melbourne, 8 Whiteman St, Southbank, Vic	AITSL Leadership Conference delegate dinner	\$5,813
	9 August 2012	Crown Melbourne, 8 Whiteman St, Southbank, Vic	AITSL Local Leadership Conference dinner	\$5,140

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<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>EVENT DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>COST (\$) (Ex GST)</b>
	23 August 2012	RACV Club, 501 Bourke St, Melbourne VIC	AITSL Board Meeting catering and dinner	\$1,826

<b>Hospitality Events &lt; \$1,000</b>		
<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>COST (\$) (Ex GST)</b>
ACARA	Various planning, strategic development and industry stakeholder meetings	\$195
AITSL	Various planning, strategic development and industry stakeholder meetings	\$2,864
Comcare	Various planning, strategic development and industry stakeholder meetings	\$1,300
FWA	Various planning, strategic development and industry stakeholder meetings	\$1,418
FWBC	Various planning, strategic development and industry stakeholder meetings	\$241

The estimated hospitality expenditure for financial year 2012-13 by Agency is provided in the table below.

DEEWR	\$52,000
Ministers/ Parliamentary Secretary	\$0
ACARA	\$11,900
AITSL	\$17,864
Comcare	\$5,000
FWA	\$7,200
FWBC	\$800
FWO	\$0
SWA	\$0

All expenditure on hospitality is for official purposes and determined to be appropriate prior to approval. There is no specific policy to reduce these expenses, however, each item is considered in the context of efficiently and effectively conducting the business of the department.