

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Additional Estimates 8-11 February 2010

Question: PM64a-d

Topic: Hospitality

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- a) What is the Department's hospitality spend FYTD?**
- b) Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.**
- c) For each Minister/Par Sec's office, please detail total hospitality spend FYTD.**
- d) Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.**

Answer:

- a) The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has expended \$65,696.77 (GST inclusive) on hospitality from 1 July 2009 to 28 February 2010.
- b) Details are provided in Attachment A.
- c) A nil response has been provided for the offices of the:
 - Cabinet Secretary, Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig
 - Former Cabinet Secretary, Senator the Hon John Faulkner
 - Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Government Service Delivery, Senator the Hon Mark Arbib
 - Parliamentary Secretary, the Hon Anthony Byrne MP

The Prime Minister's official hospitality is provided through funding appropriated for the State Occasions and Official Visits Program, the Ceremonial and Hospitality (CERHOS) – Domestic Program and the Pacific Islands Forum (part d refers). This may also include some expenditure by portfolio ministers under the CERHOS domestic program.

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- d) The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, on behalf of the Prime Minister, administers the following three programs:

Program	Expenditure FYTD on Hospitality (GST inclusive)
State Occasions and Official Visits (administered item)	\$213,038
Ceremonial and Hospitality – Domestic Program (departmental expense)	\$240,578
Pacific Islands Forum (departmental expense)	\$408,408

To gather the detailed information required to provide an answer to this question would require a substantial and unreasonable diversion of resources.