

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation

Outcome/Program: General

Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment

Senator: Ryan

Question reference number: F88

Type of question: Written

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Answer:

- a) \$15,285.75 for the period 1 July 2011 to 31 January 2012. Hospitality refers to expenditure incurred in undertaking public business with persons who are providing advice or services to the Commonwealth and who share mutual business or national interests. It includes expenditure incurred in entertaining a visiting speaker or presenter who provides professional services for a conference, seminar or workshop. For details of date, location, purpose and cost please refer to Attachment A.
- b) \$75.00 for the period 1 July 2011 to 31 January 2012. Hospitality refers to expenditure incurred in undertaking public business with persons who are providing advice or services to

the Commonwealth and who share mutual business or national interests. It includes expenditure incurred in entertaining a visiting speaker or presenter who provides professional services for a conference, seminar or workshop. For details of date, location, purpose and cost please refer to Attachment B.

- c) \$27,997.58 for the period 1 July 2011 to 31 January 2012. Entertainment refers to expenditure incurred in organising functions or events where the primary purpose is of a social nature for staff. For details of date, location, purpose and cost please refer to Attachment C.
- d) Nil
- e) The department's hospitality spend will be reduced as part of the implementation of the additional efficiency dividend.
- f) The ministers' offices do not have a hospitality budget; hospitality expenditure in any given year is met from existing resources.
- g) The department's entertainment spend will be reduced as part of the implementation of the additional efficiency dividend.
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DATE OF EVENT	LOCATION OF EVENT	PURPOSE	Total Cost (GST inclusive)
6/06/2011	Flint Dining Room, Canberra ACT	Official Dinner, Asia-Pacific Partnership Branch	\$1,109.50
27/06/2011	Canberra ACT	Australian Political Exchange Council Gifts	\$1,584.00
23/07/2011	Canberra ACT	Australian Political Exchange Gifts for Vietnamese Delegation	\$292.45
25/07/2011	Aubergine Restaurant, Griffith ACT	Host international visitors OECD	\$651.00
24/08/2011	Parliament House, Canberra ACT	Australian Political Exchange Council luncheon	\$1,970.00
25/08/2011	Sydney NSW	Farewell gifts to Australian Political Exchange Council members	\$249.98
25/08/2011	Sydney NSW	Official Gift for Korean Delegation	\$97.91
12/09/2011	Rubicon Restaurant, Griffith ACT	Official Dinner, International CIOs visiting Canberra	\$656.19
13/09/2011	Canberra ACT	Dinner allowance for Vietnamese Delegation	\$1,280.00
20/09/2011	Artespresso Restaurant, Kingston ACT	Dinner for Vietnamese Delegation	\$1,479.50
22/09/2011	Australia Zoo, Beerwah QLD	Cultural Tour for Vietnamese Delegation	\$623.63
1/10/2011	Sydney NSW	Official Gift for Permanent Secretary of Solomon Islands Ministry of Treasury and Finance	\$34.99
6/10/2011	Canberra ACT	Dinner allowance for US Delegation	\$1,050.00
13/10/2011	Canberra ACT	Dinner allowance for US Delegation	\$1,010.00
27/10/2011	Indo Cafe, Canberra ACT	Official Lunch, Indonesian Ministry of Finance Officials	\$211.00
27/10/2011	Ottoman Cuisine, Barton ACT	Official Dinner, hosted by Finance and Treasury for New Zealand Treasury	\$851.00
22/11/2011	Canberra ACT	Official Gift for Chinese Delegation	\$201.60
23/11/2011	Parliament House, Canberra ACT	Australian Political Exchange Council luncheon with Chinese delegation	\$941.00
8/12/2011	Kingsleys Steak and Crab House, Canberra ACT	Official Dinner, Permanent Secretary Ministry of Finance and Treasury PNG	\$220.00
13/12/2011	Treasury Building, Parkes ACT	Official Lunch, Comcover Advisory Council meeting	\$248.00
19/12/2011	Jakarta, Indonesia	Official Gift for officials of the Indonesian Ministry of Finance	\$504.00
12/01/2012	Treasury Building, Parkes ACT	Australian Political Exchange Council Gift	\$20.00
Finance Hospitality Total			\$15,285.75

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22/06/2011	Parliament House, Canberra ACT	Official Hospitality Mr Donald Tsang Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	\$75.00
Minister of Finance and Deregulation Hospitality Total			\$75.00

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27/07/2011	Canberra	Whole of government ICT graduation function^	\$3,290.02
17/9/2011	Canberra	Finance Ball 2011	\$3,030.86
21/11/2011	Canberra	IT Representative end of year function	\$901.60
15/11/2011	Canberra	2011 Graduate end of year function	\$2,979.00
9/12/2011	Canberra	Staff Christmas Party	\$10,343.90
14/12/2011	Canberra	SES function	\$593.26
15/12/2011	Canberra	Whole of government ICT graduation function^	\$2,643.10
Various	Canberra	Social club functions	\$4,215.84
Finance Entertainment Total			\$27,997.58

^ These events are cost recovered from the relevant agencies

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Answer:

a)

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
7 May 2011 (paid for in 2011-12)	Brisbane	Welcome to Country	\$227
1 September 2011	Canberra	Executive hospitality for staff rewards and recognition	\$174
25 October 2011	Brisbane	First Contact Indigenous Football Carnival - prizes to encourage	\$682

		participation in a survey on electoral awareness.	
21 October 2011	Wharf St Subway, Brisbane	IEPP meeting costs	\$100
25 October 2011	KFC Inala	Indigenous School Council Meeting	\$73
3 November 2011	Café in the House Canberra	Catering for international visitors	\$222
15 November 2011	National Gallery of Australia	Official farewell for the retirement of the Deputy Electoral Commissioner	\$891
24 November 2011	Cherbourg	IEPP Community BBQ	\$315
7 December 2011	AL ART TWO Melbourne	Conference dinner	\$2,582
8 December 2011	Richlands State School	Indigenous School Council Meeting	\$81
14 December 2011	Red Ochre Grill Adelaide	Dinner for Redistribution Committee and Secretariat	\$638
27 February 2012	Lobby Restaurant Canberra	Deposit for staff function	\$185
Total			\$6,234

- b) Information held by the Department of Finance and Deregulation.
- c) The Australian Electoral Commission classifies entertainment as hospitality and total spend for 2011-12 year to date is shown above in the answer to a.
- d) Information held by the Department of Finance and Deregulation.
- e) The AEC has only budgeted to spend \$3,120 for hospitality and entertainment at this point in time which is for the launch of the Year of Enrolment campaign.
- f) Information held by the Department of Finance and Deregulation.
- g) The Australian Electoral Commission classifies entertainment as hospitality and planned expenditure for the remainder of 2011-12 is shown above in the answer to e.
- h) Information held by the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

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Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

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Answer:

- a) ComSuper's hospitality spend for the period 1 July 2011 to 31 January 2012 was \$2,925.38 (GST exclusive). Details of the spend are as follows:

Location provided	Date provided	Purpose	Amount (Excl GST)
The Lobby Restaurant – Parks, Canberra	6/7/2011	Attending a 'Women in Super' lunch	\$1,288.38
Sub-urban – Dickson, Canberra	24/11/2011	PSSap outsourcing function	\$1,637.00
Total Expenditure	2011-2012		\$2,925.38

- b) Nil.
c) Nil.
d) Nil.
e) Although ComSuper may hold minor hospitality events in 2011-12, currently there are no specific plans for such events.
f) Nil.
g) Nil.
h) Nil.

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Answer:

In respect of public monies:

- a) Nil.
- b) N/A.
- c) N/A.
- d) N/A.
- e) Nil.
- f) N/A.
- g) Nil.
- h) N/A.

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Answer:

- a) None.
- b) Not applicable.
- c)

Date	Venue	Function Details	Cost
26 August 2011	Elements Café	Staff function	\$5,907
15 December 2011	Sandbar	Staff end of year function	\$8,608
Total			\$14,515

- d) Not applicable.
- e) No specific spending planned.
- f) Not applicable.
- g) No specific spending planned.
- h) Not applicable.