

## Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1.3 Support Services for Government Operations

**Topic:** Hospitality and Entertainment

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

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**Question:**

1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
2. 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 all events including any catering and drinks costs.
3. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
4. 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 all events including any catering and drinks costs.
5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

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9. 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:**

**1 and 3**

For the period 01 July 2012 to 31 December 2012 the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) spent \$37,685.59 (GST inclusive) on official hospitality. Details are provided at [Attachment A](#). In order to obtain this information for the period 1 January to 28 February 2013 at this same level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

In the rare case that entertainment costs are incurred by PM&C the costs are not recorded separately from official hospitality.

**2 and 4**

The Prime Minister's official hospitality is provided through administered funding appropriated for State Occasions and Official Visits and Ceremonial Hospitality (CERHOS). For the period 1 July 2012 to 31 December 2012 \$196,220.90 (GST inclusive) was paid for the Prime Minister. Details are provided at [Attachment B](#).

Entertainment provided at official functions hosted by the Prime Minister is also provided through funding appropriated for CERHOS. For the period 1 July 2012 to 31 December 2012, \$12,526.00 (GST inclusive) was paid for the Prime Minister's official functions. Details are provided at [Attachment B](#). In order to obtain this information for the period 1 January to 28 February 2013 at this same level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

**5, 7 and 9**

PM&C does not allocate budget specifically for official hospitality and entertainment. As events are identified, they are costed and paid for from the existing departmental budget.

**6 and 8**

PM&C does not allocate budget specifically for official hospitality and entertainment for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary. As events are identified, they are costed and paid for from the existing State Occasions and Official visits budget.

**Official Hospitality (Departmental Funding) - Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

<b>Official Hospitality (Departmental Funding) - Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</b>			<b>Total for the Period</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Location (City)</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>GST Inclusive</b>
			<b>Total Amount</b>
Jun-12	Brisbane	Economic Forum	8,882.18
Jul - Dec 12	Various locations	COAG Reform Council Dinners	15,220.42
Aug-12	Melbourne	Not For Profit Sector Reform Council Dinner	737.00
Sep-12	Canberra	Public Service Medal recipients dinner	4,694.50
Sep-12	Canberra	Australia-Singapore Roundtable	4,488.18
Sep - Nov 12	Various locations	Australian Social Inclusion Board Dinners	2,571.00
Dec-12	Canberra	End of year function	1,092.31
			<b>\$ 37,685.59</b>
<b>Total - Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet - core service</b>			<b>\$ 37,685.59</b>

Official Hospitality and Entertainment - Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries			Official Hospitality	Entertainment	Total Amount
Date	Location (City)	Details	GST Inclusive	GST Inclusive	GST Inclusive
Host: Julia Gillard					
2-Jul-12	Darwin	Dinner in honour of His Excellency Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono AC, President of the Republic of Indonesia and Madam Ani Bambang Yudhoyono	37,944.00		37,944.00
23-Jul-12	Canberra	Luncheon in honour of the Honourable Morgan Tsvangirai, Prime Minister of the Republic of Zimbabwe and Mrs Elizabeth Tsvangira	9,524.00		9,524.00
24-Jul-12	Canberra	Prime Minister's Dinner for Premiers, Chief Ministers and the President of ALGA - COAG	557.96		557.96
25-Jul-12	Canberra	Prime Minister's Lunch for Premiers, Chief Ministers and the President of ALGA - COAG	580.00		580.00
19-Aug-12	Sydney	Afternoon Tea for members of the Australian Olympic Team	2,300.50		2,300.50
22-Aug-12	Canberra	Luncheon in honour of The Honourable Gordon Darcy Lilo, Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands	10,936.00		10,936.00
25-Aug-12	Canberra	Morning Tea to Launch the 25th Anniversary Season of Open Gardens Australia	753.10		753.10
11-Oct-12	Canberra	Luncheon in honour of His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore	36,137.00	1,100.00	37,237.00
24-Oct-12	Canberra	Dinner in Honour of His Excellency Benigno S. Aquino III, President of the Republic of the Philippines	15,608.00		19,546.00
24-Oct-12	Sydney	Dinner in Honour of Dr Suring Pitsuwan, Secretary - General of ASEAN	2,036.00		2,036.00
13-Nov-12	Perth	Dinner on the occasion of the Australia - United States Ministerial Consultations	5,871.00		5,871.00
30-Nov-12	Sydney	Prime Minister's End of Year Reception	2,374.64		2,374.64
6-Dec-12	Canberra	Prime Minister's Dinner for Premiers, Chief Ministers and the President of ALGA - COAG	345.83		345.83
7-Dec-12	Canberra	Luncheon in honour of the Council of Australian Governments Meeting	580.00		580.00
10-Dec-12	Brisbane	Luncheon in honour of His Excellency Professor Vuong Dinh Hue Minister of Finance in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam	2,213.00		2,213.00
12-Dec-12	Canberra	Luncheon in Honour of Her Excellency Liu Yandong	2,089.00		2,089.00
12-Dec-12	Canberra	Prime Minister's Reception for Senior Executives of the Department of the Prime Minister & Cabinet	1,936.82		1,936.82
12-Dec-12	Canberra	Dinner to Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations with the People's Republic of China	61,975.00	11,426.00	73,401.00
13-Dec-12	Canberra	Prime Minister's Reception for Senior Executives of the Australian Public Service	2,459.05		2,459.05
			<b>196,220.90</b>	<b>12,526.00</b>	<b>212,684.90</b>