

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee—Budget Estimates May 2008

Parliament Portfolio, Department of Parliamentary Services

Answers to Questions on Notice

Topic: Budget week venue hires - last five years.

Question P9, F&PA 41

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—To put it into historical context, could you give us a breakdown of the last five budget years, just to see who booked what? You could take that on notice if you do not mind.

Mr Kenny—We can take it on notice. However, we may have to rely on information from the Hyatt.

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—I appreciate that, absolutely. Can you give me a breakdown of all the venue hires for that budget week, including the duration of each function, how much the department charged for venue hire for each event, catering details and a bill for each event, and security hire details and a bill for each event. Please take this on notice.

Answer

- 1 Limited information is available from Hyatt Catering for the breakdown of venues booked on budget night for 2006 and 2007 and is at **Attachment A**.
- 2 Information from Hyatt Catering for 2004 and 2005 is not available.
- 3 A breakdown of all the venue hires for Budget Week 2008 is at **Attachment B**. Information includes the duration of each function, amount charged for venue set up (if the event was catered) and security charges for each event where applicable.
- 4 Hyatt Catering will not provide information on the cost of each event as this is a private commercial arrangement between the caterer and the customer.



Attachment A –Function information for previous Budget Night events

1 Budget Night 2006:

Venue	Function start time	Service	Booking name and numbers
Members' Club	6.00pm	Dinner	<i>Individual tables were booked – no information is available on individual bookings.</i>
Members' Guests Dining Room	6.00pm	Buffet	<i>Individual tables were booked – no information is available on individual bookings.</i>
Sir Richard Baker Room (Senate bar area)	6:30pm – 9:30pm	Buffet	<i>The Hon. Roger Price MP 17 people</i>
Senate Alcove	8.00pm	Entrée, main course, dessert	<i>Phillip Baressi MP 90 people</i>
Sir Frederick Holder Room (HOR bar area)	12:00 noon	Buffet lunch	<i>Santo Santoro MP 30 people</i>
HOR Alcove	9:00pm	Cocktail party	<i>B Williams / Kornferry 150 people</i>
Private Dining Rooms 1-5	8.00pm	Entrée, main course, dessert	<i>Bob Baldwin MP 120 people</i>
Mural Hall	6:30pm	Entrée, main course, dessert buffet	<i>The Hon. Brendan Nelson MP 450 people</i>
Great Hall	6:00pm	Entrée, main course, dessert buffet	<i>Individual tables were booked – no information is available on individual bookings.</i>
Former Staff Bar	6:45pm	3 course special menu	<i>Senator the Hon. Helen Coonan 77 people</i>
Queens Terrace cafe	N/A	Entrée, main course, dessert buffet	<i>Ken Ticehurst MP 100 people</i>
Theatre Foyer	5:00pm	Cocktail party	<i>The Hon. Bruce Baird MP 150 people</i>





2 Budget Night 2007:

Venue	Function Start Time	Service	Booking name and numbers
Sir Richard Baker Room (Senate bar area)	Information Not Available	Information Not Available	<i>The Hon. Roger Price MP 27 people</i>
Sir Frederick Holder Room (HOR bar area)	Information Not Available	Information Not Available	<i>The Hon. Bronwyn Bishop MP 25 people</i>
Senate Alcove	Information Not Available	Information Not Available	<i>Phillip Barresi MP 92 people</i>
HOR alcove	Information Not Available	Information Not Available	<i>Office of the Speaker 20 people</i>
Private Dining Rooms 1-5	Information Not Available	Information Not Available	<i>Bob Baldwin MP 131 people</i>
Mural Hall	Information Not Available	Information Not Available	<i>The Hon. Brendan Nelson MP 450 people</i>
Schools Hospitality area	Information Not Available	Information Not Available	<i>Senator the Hon Helen Coonan 93 people</i>
Queens Terrace cafe	Information Not Available	Information Not Available	<i>The Hon. Mark Vaile MP 90 people</i>
Theatre Foyer	Information Not Available	Information Not Available	<i>The Hon. Bruce Baird MP 150 people</i>

3 Booking information for the Great Hall function 2007

Venue	Function Start Time	Booking Name	Table Allocation
Great Hall	5:30	Prime Minister's Office	12
Great Hall	5:30	Treasurer	3
Great Hall	5:30	President of the Senate	1
Great Hall	5:30	The Hon. Bruce Baird MP	17
Great Hall	5:30	National Institute of Accountants	2

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Great Hall	5:30	Michael Johnson MP	4
Great Hall	5:30	Michael Keenan MP	3
Great Hall	5:30	Senator The Hon. Bill Heffernan	4
Great Hall	5:30	Senator Marise Payne	4
Great Hall	5:30	The Hon. Joe Hockey MP	10
Great Hall	5:30	The Hon. Fran Bailey MP	4
Great Hall	5:30	The Hon. Dana Vale MP	4
Great Hall	5:30	Chris Bowen MP	1
Great Hall	5:30	The National Party – Deputy Prime Minister	6





Attachment B—Functions during Budget Week 2008

1 Monday 12 May:

Venue	Booking Name	Function start time	Function end time	Venue set up charge	Security charge
Great Hall	Department of Veterans Affairs	8.00am	Midnight	\$3,000	\$3,852
Marble Foyer	As above	5.00pm	Midnight	N/A – same function as above	Cost as above (same function)
Queens Terrace Gallery	As above	3.00pm	10.00pm	N/A – same function as above	Cost as above (same function)

2 Tuesday 13 May:

Venue	Booking Name	Function start time	Function end time	Venue set up charge	Security charge
Great Hall	Australian Labor Party	8.00am	Midnight	\$3,000	\$2,661
Queens Terrace Gallery	Australian Labor Party	5.00pm	10.00pm	\$400	Cost as above – same function
Theatre and Theatre Foyer	Australian Labor Party	3.00pm	11.00pm	\$1,500	Cost as above – same function
Senate Alcove	The Hon. Warren Truss MP	8.00am	Midnight	\$800	\$519
Private Dining Room 1	HawkerBritton	1.30pm	7.00pm	\$350	\$308
Private Dining Room 3	Australian Political Exchange Council	11.00am	2.30pm	\$350	\$225
Sir Frederick Holder Room (HOR Bar Area)	The Hon. Roger Price MP	4.00pm	Midnight	\$500	Nil



3 Wednesday 14 May:

Venue	Booking Name	Function start time	Function end time	Venue set up charge	Security charge
Great Hall	National Institute of Accountants	5.00am	11.00am	\$3,000	\$818
Great Hall	National Press Club	10.00am	5.00pm	\$3,000	\$905
Members' Hall	Serjeant-at-Arms Office	3.00pm	7.00pm	N/A	N/A
Theatre and Theatre Foyer	Diageo	1.00pm	8.30pm	\$1,500	\$818
Mural Hall	Australian Labor Party	5.00am	12.30pm	\$1,000	\$702
HOR Alcove	Australian Hotels Association	10.00am	4.00pm	\$800	\$194
HOR Alcove	CERHOS (Dept. PM&C)	5.30pm	11.00pm	N/A	N/A
Senate Alcove	Australian Hotels Association	7.00am	4.00pm	\$800	\$958
Private Dining Room 1	Chris Hayes MP	5.15am	11.15am	\$350	\$548
Private Dining Room 1	President's Office	3.00pm	Midnight	\$350	Nil
Former Staff Bar	Parliamentary Education Office	9.00am	6.00pm	N/A	N/A

4 Thursday 15 May:

Venue	Booking Name	Function start time	Function end time	Venue set up charge	Security charge
Mural Hall	Julie Owens MP	5.45am	11.45am	\$1,000	\$751
Theatre and Theatre Foyer	Senate Finance Committee	1.00pm	6.30pm	N/A	N/A

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Senate Alcove	Cancer Council	8.00am	1.00pm	\$800	\$180
Private Dining Rooms 1 and 2	Barry Haase MP	10.00am	3.45pm	\$350	Nil
Private Dining Room 1	Department of Immigration and Citizenship	5.00pm	midnight	\$350	\$635
Private Dining Room 4	Austrade	10.30am	3.30pm	\$350	Nil
Former Staff Bar	DPS Health and Recreation Centre	12.00pm	1.00pm	N/A	N/A

5 Friday 16 May:

Venue	Booking Name	Function start time	Function end time	Venue set up charge	Security charge
HOR Alcove	Australian Uranium	7.00am	1.30pm	\$800	\$203
Theatre and Theatre Foyer	Department of the House of Representative	11.00am	3.00pm	N/A	N/A
Former Staff Bar	DPS	11.00am	3.00pm	N/A	N/A

