

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio
Department of Climate Change
Budget Estimates Hearing–May 2009

Written question reference: CC25a-b

Outcome/Output: Outcome 1, All outputs

Topic: Spending on hospitality

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Question: (Senator Birmingham)

- a) What is the Department's hospitality spend for 2008/09? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
- b) For each Minister's office, please detail total hospitality spend for 2008-09. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

Answer:

- a) The Department's total hospitality spend for 2008-09 was \$40,779, comprising:
 - 14 Australian based events costing \$15,259; and
 - Nine international events costing \$25,520.

The Department is unable to provide more details of all events as it would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

- b) The Department of Finance and Deregulation (Ministerial and Parliamentary Services) were unable to provide the Department with details of the Minister's hospitality spend for 2008-09 as they considered that it would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.