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Mr Mrdak-CN174341: Mercure Hotel, Hobart, hospitality, official business, 9 April, \$25,140.

Senator RONALDSON-So there was \$25,000 worth of catering on one day?

Mr Mrdak-Hospitality and official business-that would be the hire of all of the function rooms and the support, accommodation and rooms that would have been required for COAG. Generally for COAG meetings we hire a large enough area for the meeting itself and then there are rooms required for various delegations, state and territory, meeting rooms and the like, and also secretariat rooms. Then there would be the various meals and luncheons and the like provided. That would cover all of those costs. I will get you a detailed breakdown of all of that cost.

Answer: Contract Notice 174341 was payment of \$25,139.50 as a deposit to the Mercure Hotel, Hobart, for the staging of the COAG meeting on 29-30 April 2009. The total amount paid to the Mercure Hotel was \$50,279. The main components of this total were:

- Hire of function rooms - \$5,300;
- Catering - \$13,957;
- Hire of office equipment (eg printers, photocopiers, etc) - \$4,850;
- Hire of audio-visual equipment - \$17,002; and
- Installation of telephone, internet and wireless lines - \$7,870.