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Question:

Senator FIFIELD—We heard about the Child Support Agency's good manners before. I am wondering what the CRS hospitality expenditure was for 2008-09.

Ms Carmody—I would have to take that on notice.

Senator FIFIELD—If you could, thank you. And also for 2006-07.

Answer:

CRS Australia's hospitality expenditure for 2006-07 and 2008-09 is as follows:

2006-07	\$48,242 excluding GST*
2008-09	\$7,383 excluding GST

*In 2006-07 CRS Australia's Chart of Accounts did not record hospitality in its own separate account, therefore, accurately identifying *hospitality* costs for this period is difficult and would require significant manual administrative effort. Examples of expenditure included in the account in 2006-07 are; job seeker functions, employer awards and recognition functions, office openings, business and community meetings, room hire, staff planning activities, conference fees and key account management functions.