

**Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee:  
Answers to written Questions on Notice Budget Estimates 2012  
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio**

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**Department/Agency:** Department of the Senate  
**Topic:** Hospitality and Entertainment

**Senator:** Senator Ryan  
**Question reference number:** 13  
**Type of Question:** Written

**Question**

- 1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spending for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.**

**Answer**

*Amounts are GST Exclusive*

<i>Detail:</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Invoice Date/s</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Hospitality YTD</b>	65,993	(Excl. President's Office)			
<i>(Note: 'Total' includes the 'Entertainment YTD' cost below)</i>		1/7/11-31/5/12	Parliament House	Various lunches for occasional lecturers	1,172
		1/7/11-31/5/12	Parliament House	Various Procedure Office Training	29,436*
		1/7/11-31/5/12	Parliament House	Various Legislative Committee meetings	365
		1/7/11-31/5/12	Various	Various Committee hearings	30,244
		1/7/11-31/5/12	Parliament House	Various meetings	378
		27/07/2011	Parliament House	Function: Swearing in New Senators	609

\*costs recouped from participants' fees

**Question**

- 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 each event.**

**Answer**

The following hospitality was provided by the President of the Senate:

*Amounts are GST Exclusive*

<i>Detail:</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Date/s</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cost</b>
	9,493	22/11/2011	Parliament House	Function: Senate Dept Christmas Morning Tea	1,536

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**Question**

- 3. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spending for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.**

**Answer**

*Amounts are GST Exclusive*

<i>Detail:</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Date/s</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Entertainment* YTD</b>	3,788				
<i>(Note: these amounts are a sub-set of 'Total' in 'Hospitality YTD' above)</i>		12-14/7/2011	Parliament House	Function: For New Senators	2,550
		11/04/2012	Parliament House	Function: Parliamentary Interns Reception	1,049
		30/05/2012	Hyatt Hotel	Occasional Lecture	189

**Question**

- 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 each event.**

**Answer**

The following entertainment was hosted by the President of the Senate:

*Amounts are GST Exclusive*

<i>Detail:</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Date/s</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cost</b>
	7,956				
		12/07/2011	Parliament House	Function: New Senators Dinner	1,751
		21/09/2011	Parliament House	Function: Outgoing USA Delegation Dinner	991
		26/08/2011	Parliament House	Function: Former Members Cocktails	1,002
		21/11/2011	Parliament House	Function: Senators' Christmas Reception	1,421
		23/11/2011	Parliament House	Function: Former Members Cocktails	2,225
		9/02/2012	Parliament House	Function: Temporary Chairs of Committees	566

\*'Entertainment' is defined according to FBT legislation

**Question**

- 5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.**

**Answer**

Refer Question 7

**6. Question**

**For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.**

**Answer**

Refer Question 8

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**Question**

- 7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.**

**Answer**

It is expected that events similar to the preceding table will occur in the current year.

**Question**

- 8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.**

**Answer**

The department is required to meet requests of the President to entertain guests in his official capacity.

**Question**

- 9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?**

**Answer**

The department will continue to monitor expenditure on these items.