

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Additional Estimates Hearing – May 2012
ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

Program 1: Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment

Senator: Ryan

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

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.

What is the Department's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

Answer:

The Office's total spend on hospitality for FY2011/12 to date is \$304.08. All expenses were incurred by the Official Secretary, as follows: 25 August 2011 coffee meeting in Canberra (\$10.45); 30 September 2011 breakfast meeting in Sydney (\$14.20); 30 September 2011 lunch meeting in Sydney (\$79.15); 25 October 2011 lunch meeting in Canberra (\$130.45); 4 November 2011 lunch meeting in Sydney (\$60); 15 November 2011 coffee meeting in Canberra (\$9.83).

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The Office is not planning on reducing spending on hospitality.