

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2008  
Medibank Private Limited**



**Topic: Medibank Private Limited**

**Question reference number: F53a-b**

**Type of Question: Written**

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**Senator Cormann asked:**

- a) Have Medibank Private paid to attend ALP-related functions and meetings since January 2007, including the 2007 ALP National Conference, and functions arranged by the Labor fundraising arm Progressive Business?
- b) If so, please provide a breakdown, by function and activity, what the function was, the “star attraction” if any (eg the PM or minister), who from Medibank attended and how much was paid or contributed by Medibank?

**Answer:**

- a) As a part of our competitive business activity, and like many of our competitors, MPL attends the political functions of both sides of politics. Attendance to political functions gives MPL insights into key decision makers’ thoughts and allows us to represent the interests of the fund and our members.
- b) For completeness the functions attended for all political parties is provided below, from January 2007.

**ALP**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b>Event, including details of “star attraction”</b>	<b>Attendees from Medibank</b>	<b>Aggregate amount</b>
Federal ALP	27-29/04/07	National Conference	Mr Craig Bosworth	\$7,500
Progressive Business	2/05/07	State Budget Breakfast 2007	Mr Craig Bosworth Mr Chris Wheatley Ms Sue Bradshaw Mr Dean Tillotson Mr Graeme Sala Mr Anton Zynik Mr Russell Bateman	\$1,800
Queensland ALP	17/05/07	Labor Leaders dinner	Mr Craig Bosworth Mr Bruce Levy Ms Julie Andrews	\$5,500

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Progressive Business	13/06/07	Maxine McKew Cocktail Briefing	Mr Chris Wheatley Ms Maya Feldman	\$450
Progressive Business	23/10/07	Boardroom Lunch with Premier Brumby	Mr George Savvides	\$1,650
ALP	03/08/07	Minister Roxon Function (Telstra)	Mr George Savvides	\$2,000
Progressive Business	02/10/07	Federal Business Dinner with Ministers Tanner and Crean	Mr George Savvides	\$1,100
Progressive Business	04/10/07	Stating the Federal on Treasury Luncheon	Mr George Savvides	\$450
Progressive Business	24/04/08	Minister Tanner Boardroom Lunch	Mr George Savvides	\$1,200
Progressive Business	07/05/08	State budget breakfast 2008	Mr Chris Wheatley Ms Sarah Chibnall Ms Leonie Scott Mr Michael Camilleri Mr David O'Hanlon Mr Chris Jones	\$2,100
Progressive Business	07/05/08	Boardroom Lunch with Premier Brumby	Mr George Savvides	\$1,650
Federal Labor Business Forum	13/05/08	Federal Budget Dinner	Mr George Savvides Mr Craig Bosworth	\$2,500
Progressive Business	25/07/08	Canberra meets Spring St with Ministers Roxon and Andrews	Mr Craig Bosworth Mr George Savvides	\$550
Progressive Business	05/11/08	Canberra meets Spring St with Wayne Swan and John Lenders	Ms Katherine McGrath Mr Craig Bosworth	\$275
Progressive Business	11/12/08	End of year	Mr Craig Bosworth Ms Sarah Chibnall	\$110

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LIBERAL PARTY

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Liberal Party (Vic)	26/06/07	Chairman's dinner with Costello	Mr Peter Kirby	\$5,500
Liberal Party (Vic)	29/09/07	Senator Minchin lunch	Mr George Savvides	\$1,450
Aston Elect Council	03/10/07	Aston Lunch	Mr Craig Bosworth Ms Maya Feldman	\$70
Liberal Party	23/02/07	Lunch with Minister Abbott	Mr George Savvides	\$1,650
Liberal Party	28-29/04/07	State Council Program	Mr Craig Bosworth	\$3,500
Platinum Circle	08/05/07	2007 Budget Day Program	Mr Craig Bosworth	\$2,000
Higgins 200	11/05/07	Post budget breakfast	Mr Craig Bosworth Mr Bruce Levy Mr Michael Sammells Ms Chris Wheatley Mr James Connors Ms Libby Woolnough	\$1,000
Higgins 200	28/06/07	Lunch with Minister Andrews	Mr Tony Jones Ms Justine Halloran	\$190
Liberal Party	12/07/07	Minister Downer roundtable luncheon	Mr Tony Jones	\$1,400
Liberal Party	09/10/07	Roundtable discussion with Senator Minchin	Mr Tony Jones	\$1,400
Liberal Party	12-13/04/08	Liberal Party State Council	Mr Craig Bosworth	\$3,000
Platinum Forum	21/08/08	Chris Pearce	Mr Craig Bosworth	\$150
Platinum Forum	28/11/08	Breakfast with Peter Dutton	Mr Craig Bosworth	\$40

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Vic Liberal Party	29/08/08	Dinner with Peter and Tanya Costello	Mr Craig Bosworth	\$150
Vic Liberal Party	25/11/08	Dinner with Ted Baillieu	Mr Craig Bosworth	\$800

**FAMILY FIRST**

Family First	05/05/07	Family Forum	Mr Chris Wheatley Mr James Connors	\$60
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