

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Supplementary Budget Estimates 18-21 October 2010

Question: PM121

Asked By: Senator Abetz

Topic: Hospitality Spend

Type of Question: Written

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a) What is the Department's hospitality spend since Budget Estimates 2010?

Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.

b) For each Minister/Parl Sec's office, please detail total hospitality spend

FYTD. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

Answer:

- a) For the period 24 May to 31 October 2010 the Department spent \$22,101.34 (GST inclusive) on official hospitality. This figure is based on the functions performed by PM&C before the Machinery of Government changes that were implemented in response to the 14 September 2010 Administrative Arrangements Order (AAO). Details are provided at [Attachment A](#).

Following the AAO, PM&C assumed responsibility for the Office of the Arts and the Office of Sport. The Office of Sport did not incur any official hospitality expenditure during the period in question. The Office of the Arts, which includes the National Portrait Gallery, incurred official hospitality expenditure of \$19,540.58 between 24 May and 31 October 2010.

Events held at the National Portrait Gallery (NPG) are reported at the net cost. Either full or partial cost recovery arrangements apply on many NPG events. The NPG sources catering and beverage service from its in-house caterer, Venus Food Pty Ltd and receives a 10% discount on most internal events booked.

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Several NPG events involved a group call “The Circle of Friends”. Since the opening of the NPG in March 1999, the Gallery has attracted a loyal following of supporters. Since inception in 2001, the Circle of Friends (CoF) has played an important role in the growth of NPG, contributing to the acquisition of works of art, publication of new scholarship and supporting the gallery’s program of exhibitions and events. The CoF attracts a wide membership of all ages from local, interstate and overseas who have a strong interest in portraiture. Membership is incentivised through benefits including exclusive members-only events, an annual subscription to the Gallery’s quarterly Portrait magazine, discounted tickets to special exhibitions and discounts at the Portrait Cafe and Portrait Store.

Current membership is: 724 single memberships, 587 family memberships (two family members), 74 Friendship memberships, 35 Facebook memberships.

- b) The Prime Minister’s official hospitality is provided through funding appropriated for State Occasions and Official Visits and Ceremonial and Hospitality (CERHOS) Domestic.

For the period 24 May to 31 October 2010, \$36,299.50 was paid through the State Occasions and Official Visits function for the Prime Minister’s official hospitality. To gather the detailed information required to provide an answer to this question would require a substantial and unreasonable diversion of resources.

The Department did not incur any official hospitality expenses during the period 24 May to 31 October 2010 on behalf of the following Ministers or their Offices:

- Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Simon Crean MP
- Minister for the Arts, the Hon Simon Crean MP

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- Minister for Social Inclusion, the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP
- Minister for Privacy and Freedom of Information, the Hon Brendan O'Connor MP
- Minister for Sport, Senator the Hon Mark Arbib
- Special Minister of State for the Public Service and Integrity, the Hon Gary Gray AO MP
- Cabinet Secretary, the Hon Mark Dreyfus QC MP
- Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, Senator the Hon Kate Lundy

Official Hospitality - Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

			Total for the period 24 May to 31 Oct 2010	
PM&C - preMOG Divisions				
Date	Location (City)	Details	GST Inclusive Total Amount	GST Exclusive Total Amount
Aug 10	Canberra	OAIC Branding Workshop	238.40	216.73
May - Oct 10	Various	COAG Council Meetings, Working Groups and Functions	5,915.75	5,377.95
Jun - Aug 10	Canberra	Departmental Secretaries' Official Functions	4,458.38	4,053.07
Jun 10	Canberra	Working dinner with Canadian National Security Advisor	911.00	828.18
Jul 10	Canberra	Round table working lunch with Canadian National Security Advisor	87.51	79.55
May 10	Canberra	Working dinner with Lt Gen Darmono, head of the Indonesian National Resilience Council	587.50	534.09
Oct 10	Canberra	Public Service Medal recipients dinner	5,897.00	5,360.91
Jun - Oct 10	Canberra	CHOGM working meetings and functions	527.92	479.93
Jun 10	Canberra	Working breakfast with a Director of the UK Charity Commission	70.00	63.64
Aug 10	Canberra	National Security working lunch with NSW and QLD colleagues	100.40	91.27
Jun 10	Melbourne	Commonwealth Coordinator General official function	1,975.49	1,795.90
Jun 10	Canberra	Working lunch to discuss an upcoming presentation to the Secretaries' Board Retreat	142.00	129.09
Jul 10	Canberra	Working dinner with the Secretary of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Victoria	196.00	178.18
Aug 10	Sydney	Working dinner to discuss national issues	196.50	178.64
Aug 10	Canberra	Modelling counter-terrorism workshop	685.50	623.18
Jun 10	Canberra	National Security working lunch	112.00	101.82
			\$ 22,101.34	20,092.13
PM&C - Office of the Arts				
Date	Location (City)	Details	GST Inclusive Total Amount	GST Exclusive Total Amount
Jul 10	Melbourne	Stakeholder/media event to announce 2010 Prime Minister's Literary Awards shortlist	979.78	890.71
Jun 10	Fremantle WA	Ministerial event to announce funding for national indigenous arts, culture and heritage projects (NACIS, ICS, MILR and IHP)	220.00	200.00
Various	NPG Canberra	Beverages for meetings with NPG board members and / or patrons	90.00	81.82
May 10	NPG Canberra	Circle of Friends Autumn Dinner	2,809.76	2,554.33
Apr 10	NPG Canberra	Friendspace Slow Art - Circle of Friends event	104.01	94.55
Jun 10	Canberra	2010 Architecture Awards Gala Presentation Dinner	300.00	272.73
Jul 10	NPG Canberra	Centric Wealth event - Introduction to the benefits of philanthropy	2,442.50	2,220.45
Sep 10	NPG Canberra	Circle of Friends Portrait table lunch	1,959.98	1,781.80
Jun 10	NPG Canberra	Circle of Friends new acquisition viewing	1,291.51	1,174.10
Jul 10	NPG Canberra	Symposium - Imaging identity: media, memory and vision of humanity in the digital present	5,453.09	4,957.35
Sep 10	NPG Canberra	Circle of Friends Spring Dinner	3,889.95	3,536.32
			\$ 19,540.58	17,764.16