

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2010-2011
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Department/Agency: Australian Public Service Commission

Outcome/Output Group: 1.1

Topic: Hospitality Spend

Senator: Abetz

Question reference number: PM 121

- 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.

Type of question: Written

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Answer:

- a) The Commission has spent \$5,000 on hospitality to date. The majority of the Commission's hospitality expenses relate to numerous small scale events and learning and development programmes, and take the form of snacks or sandwiches and the like. In a number of these circumstances the costs of hospitality are cost recovered from agencies as a component of the attendee fee. The hospitality in the main is provided to APS employees at all levels who attend these activities. The Commission utilises its own training facilities on most occasions for these activities or where required, due to numbers or nature of the activity, local hire venues in the respective capital cities on a value for money basis.
- b) The Commission did not provide or meet the cost of hospitality consumed at the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary's office.