

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation

Outcome/Program: General

Topic: Hospitality

Senator: Ryan

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Answer:

- a) See response to question F80 in the 2011 May Estimates Questions on Notice.

b) Minister for Finance and Deregulation – Senator the Hon Penny Wong

Date	Venue	Function Details	Cost (Exc GST)	Alcohol Component
1/03/2011	Boardroom, Lvl 8 CPO 70 Philip St, Sydney	Refreshments - Better Regulation Working Group meeting	\$163.50	Nil
3/03/2011	Explorer Room, Parliament House, Canberra	Refreshments - Indonesian Ministerial Delegation	\$55.64	Nil
22/06/2011*	Parliament House, Canberra	Refreshments – meeting with Mr Donald Tsang from Hong Kong. Meeting cancelled due to volcanic ash clouds affecting Mr Tsang’s flight .	\$68.18	Nil
		TOTAL	\$287.32	Nil

* Event date in 2010-11, however it was paid for in 2011-12.

Special Minister of State – The Hon Gary Gray AO MP

Nil

Minister for Finance and Deregulation – The Hon. Lindsay Tanner MP

Nil

Special Minister of State – Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

Nil

- c) See the response to question F82 in the May 2011 Questions on Notice.
- d) Nil.
- e) The department’s hospitality spend is expected to be similar to previous years.
- f) The ministers’ offices do not have a hospitality budget; hospitality expenditure in any given year is absorbed from within existing resources.
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Department/Agency: Australian Electoral Commission

Outcome/Program: Outcome 1

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Answer:

a) The Australian Electoral Commission spent \$23,712 on hospitality in 2010-11.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost \$
7 July 2010	Ottoman Cuisine, Barton, ACT	Dinner for Nepalese delegation	277
3 August 2010	Coast Restaurant, NSW	Dinner for NSW Redistribution	711
14 and 19 August 2010	Ottoman Cuisine, Barton ACT and Kookaburra	Dinner for Indonesian delegation	2,518
22 August 2010	Exhibition Park, Canberra	Function room at National Tally Room	6,215
21 August 2010	Old Parliament House, Canberra	Official international election visitor program dinner	6,197
14 October 2010	Flaming Bull Restaurant, Port Vila	Pacific Islands, Australia and New Zealand Electoral Administrators (PIANZEA) dinner	450
1 December 2010	Chairman and Yip, Canberra	Post election evaluation conference dinner	4,409
3 December 2010	Parliament House, Canberra	2010 Tourism Awards attendance – National Electoral Education Centre	340
9 February 2011	Café XXII, NSW	NSW Electoral Commission Dinner	113
21 March 2011	Turkish Pide House, Canberra	Meal – Iraqi delegation	297
8 March 2011	Regent Theatre, Melbourne	International Women’s Day lunch	909
4 April 2011	Masani Bistro, Victoria	Dinner for Victorian redistribution	549
9 June 2011	Old Parliament House and Ellacure, Canberra	Meals for Iraqi delegation	727
			23,712

b) N/A.

c) The Australian Electoral Commission classifies entertainment as hospitality and total spend for 2010-11 is shown above in the answer to a.

d) N/A.

e) The Australian Electoral Commission has not formally budgeted for any hospitality activities at this point in time. As events occur, the expenditure will be assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Management and Accountability Act.

f) N/A.

g) The Australian Electoral Commission classifies entertainment as hospitality and budgets for it in the same manner as detailed in answer e.

h) N/A.

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Answer:

- a) ComSuper's hospitality spend for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 was \$820.05 (GST exclusive). Details of the spend are as follows:

Location provided	Date provided	Purpose	Amount (Excl GST)
Yarralumla – Externally Catered	28/7/2010	Lunch with Audit Committee Member	\$27.64
Belconnen – Internally Catered	9/7/2010	SunSuper Meeting	\$121.50
Belconnen – Externally Catered	3/9/2010	CEO meeting with external consultant	\$82.00
Sydney – Externally Catered	8/9/2010	CEO introductory dinner with DRFDB Board members	\$281.82
Belconnen – Internally Catered	26/10/2010	Meeting with IT Supplier	\$157.27
National Botanic Gardens – Externally Catered	11/5/2010	External meeting – Audit & Risk Committee (governance over project Management)	\$149.82
Total Expenditure	2010-2011		\$820.05

- b) Not applicable for ComSuper.
- c) ComSuper had no spend on entertainment in 2010-11.
- d) Not applicable for ComSuper.
- e) Although ComSuper is likely to hold minor hospitality events in 2011-12, currently there is no specific plan for such events.
- f) Nil.
- g) ComSuper does have some hospitality planned for the remainder of this year, however no specific details are in place.
- h) Not applicable for ComSuper.

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Department/Agency: Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation

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Answer:

In respect of public monies:

a)

Date of Event	Location of Event	Purpose	Total Cost	Catering Cost (food and beverages)	Catering Cost (alcohol)
13/12/2010	Canberra	Trustee & Staff Christmas function	280.55	280.55	
3/06/2011	Canberra	Welcome to new office chocolates for staff	176.62	176.62	
CSC Total			457.17	457.17	

b) N/A.

c) N/A.

d) N/A.

e)

Date of Event	Location of Event	Purpose	Total Cost	Catering Cost (food and beverages)	Catering Cost (alcohol)
7/12/2011	Canberra	Trustee & Staff Christmas function	790.00	590.00	200.00
CSC Total			790.00	590.00	200.00

f) N/A.

g) Nil.

h) N/A.

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Answer:

- a) None.
- b) Not Applicable.

c)

Date	Venue	Function Details	Cost
18 November 2010	Candela Nuevo	Staff function	\$7,316
9 December 2010	Adelphi Hotel Melbourne	Staff end of year function	\$8,286
26 August 2011	Elements Cafe	End of financial year function	\$4,594
		Total	\$20,196

d) Not Applicable.

e) None.

f) Not Applicable.

g) None.

h) Not Applicable.