

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 17-20 October 2011**

**Question: 130**

**Topic: Hospitality Spending**

**Asked By: Senator JOYCE**

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In relation to the answer provided to QON 105 from Budget Estimates, which highlights the Department's Hospitality spending.

- a) Can the Department please provide details as to the Local Government CEO Workshop held on the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2011, as well as the Policy Centre Round Table on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2011?
- b) Where were these functions held?
- c) How many people attended these functions?

**Answer:**

The Local Government Grants Commission Executive Officers workshops have been held annually in Canberra for a number of years. These meetings are in response to the recommendation in 1994 from the Commonwealth Grants Commission, supported by the State and Territory Grant Commission Executive Officers, for an annual technical workshop. The Local Government EO Workshop held on 13 and 14 April 2011 was convened at the Novotel, 65 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra. 18 people attended the workshop.

The Policy Centre Roundtable was convened by the Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Simon Crean MP, on 20 April 2011. The Roundtable was held at the Commonwealth Parliament Offices, 4 Treasury Place, East Melbourne. 22 people attended, including the Minister roundtable participants and departmental staff.