

**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: 139**

**Topic: 2010-11 Hospitality and Entertainment**

**Asked By: SENATOR RYAN**

**Type of Question: Written**

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- a) What is the Department's hospitality spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
- b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for the year 2010-11. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
- c) What is the Department's entertainment spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
- d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for the year 2010-11. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

**Answer:**

- a) The Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government (the Department) total hospitality spend for the period 1 October 2010 – 30 June 2011 was \$4,674.69. The details of dates, location, purpose and a cost breakdown is detailed in Table 1.
- b) The Minister's office's total hospitality spend on portfolio related business for the period 1 October 2010 – 30 June 2011 was nil.
- c & d) The entertainment spend for the period 1 October 2010 – 30 June 2011 for both the Department and the Minister's office was nil.

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**Table 1**

<b>Description of function</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date/s</b>	<b>Amount \$ (GST excl)</b>	<b>How the function supports government business</b>
Post meeting dinner with WA regional development and lands stakeholders	Canberra	17-Jan-11	304.09	Engage with key regional stakeholders – representatives from the WA Government of Regional Development and Lands.
Post conference hospitality for delegates to Aged Care Services Australia Group (ACSAG)	Canberra	16-Mar-11	261.36	Engage with key regional stakeholders – ACSAG delegates.
Post meeting dinner with Regional Development Australia (RDA) and Regional Development Victoria (RDV) chairs	Canberra	02-Mar-11	293.82	Engage with key regional stakeholders – RDA and RDV Chairs.
Catering for meeting with RDA members	Canberra	21-Feb-11	769.10	Discussions with Murray Darling Basin (MDB) stakeholders including members and staff of RDAs and MDB Community Consultative committee members.
Local Government Grants Commission Executive Officers (LGGCEO) workshop dinner	Canberra	13-Apr-11	980.00	Engage with key regional stakeholders – Executive Officers from NSW, Vic, SA, NT, Tas, Qld and WA Grants Commissions.
Catering for Minister's Policy Development Policy Centre Round Table meeting	Melbourne	27-Apr-11	1,118.04	Minister Crean meeting with representatives from research and academia.
Dinner for RDA Chairs	Canberra	20-Feb-11	908.73	MDB RDA chairs and Executive Officers meeting with Minister Crean.
Refreshment during meetings with stakeholders	Canberra	03-Jun-11 17-Jun-11 21-Jun-11	39.55	Engage with key stakeholders – Australian Bureau of Agriculture Research Economics (ABARE), and RDA Chair.
<b>Total official hospitality</b>			<b>4,674.69</b>	