

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

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Question: 140

Topic: Planned Hospitality and Entertainment

Asked By: Senator RYAN

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What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.

For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.

For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

Answer:

The planned hospitality for the Department is at Attachment A.

The Department is not planning to spend any funds on entertainment.

There is no planned hospitality or entertainment for the Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government.

ATTACHMENT A

Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

QON 140 - Planned hospitality spend

Period applied – 18 October 2011 – 30 June 2012

Event	Date/Location	Estimated Cost
7 x formal Australian Government Reconstruction Inspectorate meetings <i>(est. spend \$500 each)</i>	Dates unknown Location unknown – venue hire is required	\$3,500
3 x dinners for Australian Government Reconstruction Inspectorate, members of the Secretariat, QLD/VIC/Commonwealth government officials <i>(est. spend \$800 each)</i>	Dates unknown Location unknown – venue hire may be required	\$2,400
Professional Development seminar held on 4 November 2011 Professor Andrew Beer <i>Structural Adjustment: Lessons from Australia and Internationally</i>	Onsite at Dept of Regional Australia	\$200
Northern Australia Ministerial Forum (NAMF) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional Stakeholder Engagement function <i>(est \$2,500)</i>• Meeting <i>(est \$1,200)</i>	Mt Isa – venue hire is required 14/12/2011 15/12/2011	\$3,700
Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government	25/11/2011 Parliament House	\$800
3 x Ministerial Advisory Council meetings <i>(est spend \$400 each meeting)</i>	Dates unknown Location unknown – venue hire is be required	\$1,200
1 st Local Government Ministers' Forum Meeting	16/11/2011 Parliament House	\$5,030
2 nd Local Government Ministers' Forum Meeting	Location unknown – venue hire may be required	\$4,330
Hospitality – receptions, functions meetings, official events hosted by Brian Lacy, Administrator	Christmas Island	\$13,000