

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Senate

**Topic:** Hospitality and Entertainment

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

**Question reference number:** 21

**Type of question:** Written

### Question

1. **What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.**

### Answer

Amounts are GST exclusive

For this financial year to date, the department has spent a total of \$9,747 on hospitality. (Note: This total amount includes the department's 'entertainment' spend in Question 3). The details of non-entertainment spending are as follows:

Date/s	Location	Purpose	Cost
1/7/11-31/5/12	Parliament House	Various Procedure Office Training	4,393 *
1/7/11-31/5/12	Parliament House	Various Legislative Scrutiny Committee meetings	110
1/7/11-31/5/12	Various	Various other Committee hearings (including estimates)	4,912

\*costs recouped from participants' fees

2. **For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.**

### Answer

Nil.

3. **What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.**

### Answer

Amounts are GST exclusive

For this financial year to date, the department has spent a total of \$332 on entertainment. (Note: This amount is a subset of department's 'hospitality' spend in Question 1). The details of entertainment spending are as follows:

Date/s	Location	Purpose	Cost
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2/07/12	Parliament House	OPC Secondment Program	152
28/09/12	Hyatt Hotel	Occasional Lecturer	180

\*'Entertainment' is defined according to FBT legislation

- 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.**

**Answer**

Nil.

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

**Answer**

It is expected that events similar to the preceding table will occur in the current year.

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

**Answer**

The department is required to meet requests of the President to entertain guests in his official capacity.

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

**Answer**

Refer Question 5

- 8. 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**

Refer Question 6

- 9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?**

**Answer**

The department will continue to monitor expenditure on these items.