

# Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1.3 Support Services for Government Operations

**Topic:** Hospitality and Entertainment

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

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

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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:**

**1.&3.**

For the period 01 July 2012 to 30 September 2012 the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) spent \$27,494.42 (inclusive) on official hospitality. Details are provided at [Attachment A](#).

In the rare case that entertainment costs are incurred by PM&C the costs are not recorded separately from official hospitality.

**2&4.**

The Prime Minister's official hospitality is provided through administered funding appropriated for State Occasions and Official Visits and Ceremonial Hospitality (CERHOS). For the period 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012 \$62,595.56 (GST inclusive) was paid for the Prime Minister. Details are provided at [Attachment B](#).

Entertainment provided at official functions hosted by the Prime Minister is also provided through funding appropriated for CERHOS. For the period 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012, Nil was paid for the Prime Minister's official functions. Details are provided at [Attachment B](#).

**5.&7&9.**

PM&C does not allocate budget specifically for official hospitality and entertainment. As events are identified, they are costed and paid for from the existing departmental budget.

**6.&8.**

PM&C does not allocate budget specifically for official hospitality and entertainment for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary. As events are identified, they are costed and paid for from the existing State Occasions and Official visits budget.