

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian Public Service Commission

Outcome/Program:

Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment

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 entertainments spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
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. The Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) spent \$4,161 (GST inclusive) on hospitality and entertainment for this financial year to date. The APSC does not record hospitality and entertainment data in a way that would readily allow answers to be

provided to these questions. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of APSC resources.

2. The APSC does not administer hospitality for the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office(s).
3. Not applicable.
4. The APSC does not administer entertainment for the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office(s).
5. The APSC does not plan expenditure to the level of hospitality and entertainment requested.
6. Not applicable.
7. Refer to answer 5 above.
8. Not applicable.
9. The APSC regularly monitors and wherever possible limits its expenditure on hospitality and entertainment.