

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Corporate Services Group

Question No. 120

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 23 February 2009:

For each Ministers' Office, please detail total hospitality spend for the 2008 calendar year and financial year to date. Please detail the date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

For the 2008 calendar year, ministerial hospitality expenditure for the Attorney-General totalled \$3,476.90, excluding GST and for the Minister for Home Affairs totalled \$6,296.20, excluding GST.

For the current financial year to date, ministerial hospitality expenditure for the Attorney-General has totalled \$4,846.45, excluding GST. Ministerial hospitality expenditure for the Minister for Home Affairs has totalled \$3,212.00, excluding GST.

The attached tables detail the date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

2008 Calendar Year Ministerial Hospitality Expenditure

Attorney-General

| Date | Location | Purpose | Cost (excl. GST) |
|-------------|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 28/07/2008 | Parliament House | Meals and refreshments for Family Law System Roundtable | \$820.00 |
| 06/08/2008 | Parliament House | Afternoon tea to welcome new Secretary of the Attorney-General's Department | \$180.90 |
| 28/08/2008 | Parliament House | Morning tea to farewell former Secretary of the Attorney-General's Department | \$100.00 |
| 16/09/2008 | Parliament House | Farewell dinner with Solicitor-General | \$248.00 |
| 21/10/2008 | Parliament House | Afternoon tea to welcome Solicitor-General | \$321.00 |
| 26/11/2008 | National Gallery of Australia | End of year function with Departmental Senior Executive and Portfolio Agency Heads | \$1,807.00* |

Minister for Home Affairs

| Date | Location | Purpose | Cost (excl. GST) |
|-------------|--|---|-----------------------------|
| 15/01/2008 | Parliament House | Meeting with representatives from National Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services | \$61.14 |
| 15/04/2008 | Cocos Village Bungalows, Cocos (Keeling) Islands | Dinner with Cocos Island Community | \$363.64 |
| 16/04/2008 | Community Hall, Christmas Island | Dinner with Christmas Island community | \$2,000.00 |
| 07/05/2008 | Parliament House | Meeting with New Zealand Minister for Customs | \$39.32 |
| 07/05/2008 | Ottoman Restaurant | Dinner with the New Zealand Minister for Customs | \$620.10 |
| 13/11/2008 | Watersedge Restaurant | Lunch for Indonesian Minister for Law and Human Rights as part of the Australasian Ministerial Forum | \$1,070.00 |
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* Function total was \$3614, the cost of which was shared between the Attorney-General and Minister for Home Affairs.

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| 04/02/2009 | Parliament House | Afternoon tea to welcome 2009 Attorney-General's Department Graduates | \$329.55 |
| 19/02/2009 | Parliament House | Refreshments for meeting with judges from the Supreme Administrative and Administrative Courts of Thailand | \$153.64 |
| 23/02/2009 | Parliament House | Morning tea for Pacific Pro Bono Roundtable | \$886.36 |

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