

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

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Question No. 118

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 8 February 2010:

Regarding hospitality:

- a. What is the Department's hospitality expenditure for the financial year to date? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
- b. What is each Minister's Offices' hospitality expenditure for the financial year to date? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

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

- a. Department's hospitality expenditure for the financial year to date has totalled approximately \$9,245.21.

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (excluding GST)
15 July 2009	Aubergine Restaurant – Canberra	Official dinner for Russian delegates attending Mutual Assistance and Extradition treaty negotiations	\$975.45
27 July 2009	The Boat House by the Lake – Canberra	Official lunch for signing of MOU between the Corruption Eradication Commission of the Republic of Indonesia & Australian Counterpart agencies	\$1,470.00
27 August 2009	Thai Chang Rai Restaurant – Canberra	National Intercountry Adoption Advisory Group Meeting Dinner	\$637.32
1 September 2009	Tai Jin – Christmas Island	Minister Brendan O'Connor visit to Christmas Island, Community gathering. To meet with residents, Department Officers, Shire and Community organisations	\$1652.20
8 September 2009	Axis Restaurant, National Museum of Australia - Canberra	SES Lunch with First Secretary, Hague Conference on Private International Law	\$172.72
19 September 2009	The Chairman and Yip Restaurant – Canberra	Official welcome dinner for Indonesian delegation attending the Counter Terrorism Legal Exchange	\$1,301.82
22 September 2009	Ottoman Cuisine – Canberra	Official dinner for Vietnamese delegation for extradition treaty negotiations	\$850.00

24 September 2009	Attorney-General's Department – Canberra	Afternoon Tea for visiting Indian Delegation - meeting between the Secretary and visiting Indian Delegation judges	\$95.45
12 October 2009	Belluci's Woden – Canberra	Dinner – Pacific Legislative Drafters forum	\$383.73
28 October 2009	Attorney-General's Department – Canberra	Meeting with Australian Institute of Family Studies and FaHCSIA to discuss evaluation	\$198.72
30 October 2009	Arts House – Canberra	Briefing a Vietnamese delegation on EMA's operational role and engagement with international agencies	\$49.09
16 November 2009	Bambini Trust Cafe – Sydney	Meeting with Chairman of ACMA	\$89.09
3 December 2009	Home Island and West Island at Cocos Island	Public meeting to meet officers from the Cocos Shire and AGD staff	\$567.00
8 December 2009	Attorney-General's Department – Canberra	Official lunch between AGD and A/g Secretary, PNG Department of Justice & the Attorney General to promote the PNG law & justice sector as a partner with key Australian agencies & strengthen relationships	\$109.73
14 December 2009	Owen Dickson Commonwealth Law Courts Building – Melbourne	Lunch for Federal Magistrates Court Appointments Advisory Panel	\$93.81
17 December 2009	Attorney-General's Department – Canberra	Acts Interpretation Act meeting of senior officers from AGD, OPC, AGS and DBCDE to discuss the implementation of recommendations for updating the AIA	\$71.36
18 December 2009	Cafe Bellacino's - Canberra	Official morning tea for Chinese delegation attending AGD presentation on corruption	\$145.45
18 December 2009	Lionel Bowen Building – Sydney	Lunch for Federal Magistrates Court Appointments Advisory Panel	\$69.09
3 February 2010	Mez Cuisine, Northbridge – Perth	Protective Security Stakeholder dinner for WA Department of Mines and Petroleum and the Water Corporation	\$313.18
TOTAL			\$9,245.21

b. Minister's Offices' hospitality expenditure for the financial year to date:

- For the period 1 July 2009 to 8 February 2010 (inclusive), ministerial hospitality expenditure for the Attorney-General has totalled approximately \$825.91 (excluding GST)

- For the period 1 July 2009 to 8 February 2010 (inclusive), the Minister for Home Affairs did not incur any ministerial hospitality expenditure.

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Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Cost (excl GST)
9 September 2009	Parliament House	Farewell function involving portfolio agency heads and senior officials in honour of departing British High Commissioner, HE Helen Lidell	\$825.91
TOTAL			\$825.91