

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0061 & AE12/0063, AE12/0065 & AE12/0067) Program: Internal Product

Senator Humphries asked:

AE12/0061 & AE12/0063:

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

AE12/0065 & AE12/0067:

Hospitality and Entertainment: What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.

Answer:

DIAC:

- DIAC does not differentiate between Hospitality and Entertainment. The DIAC finance system captures information on expenditure for both entertainment and hospitality in a combined format.
- The total amount spent on Official Hospitality for the first half of the 2011-12 financial year was \$56 787 of which \$21 208 was spent in the offshore environment.

Official Hospitality Expenditure for 1 July to December 2011

	1 July to 31 December
	(\$)
Onshore	35 579
Offshore	21 208
Total	56 787

- Expenses relate primarily to meals provided to foreign dignitaries in order to build stakeholder relationships.
- For a full breakdown of date, location, purpose and cost of each event, please see Attachment A.
- The overall departmental expenses on hospitality and entertainment for 2011-12 is expected to be consistent with 2010-11 and will be approximately \$130 000. It is not possible to itemise details of planned expenditure without an unreasonable diversion of resources.

MRT-RRT:

- The Migration Review Tribunal and the Refugee Review Tribunal has not incurred any expenses on hospitality and entertainment for the financial year to date to December 2011.
- The Migration Review Tribunal and the Refugee Review Tribunal will be hosting open days during Law Week in May 2012 and Refugee Week in June 2012. These events are still being arranged and the costs will not be finalised until all accounts are settled.