

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

**Portfolio**

**Question No. 113**

**Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 12 February 2013:**

Hospitality and Entertainment

- a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- b) 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 all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- c) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- d) 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 all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- e) What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- f) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- g) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- h) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- i) 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?

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

## Attorney-General's Department

a) Agency's hospitality and entertainment spend 1 July 2012 – 31 January 2013 was \$8,652.76 and is detailed in the table below:

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
25 July 2012	Victoria	Official lunch for the Business-Government Advisory Group	\$2,751.82
30 July 2012	Indonesia	Official dinner with Indonesian officials	\$70.14
29 July 2012	Australian Capital Territory	Official dinner with key note speaker at the Indigenous Justice Forum	\$270.91
2 August 2012	Australian Capital Territory	Official dinner with delegates from the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency	\$515.46
2 August 2012	Australian Capital Territory	Official lunch with delegates from the US Federal Emergency Management Agency	\$78.64
14 August 2012	Australian Capital Territory	Official dinner with delegates attending the Non-Government Organisations Forum on Human Rights	\$454.54
5 September 2012	Australian Capital Territory	Official dinner with speakers attending the Security in Government Conference	\$268.50
25 September 2012	Australian Capital Territory	Official lunch with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner	\$57.27
27 September 2012	Australian Capital Territory	Official dinner with delegates from the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the New Zealand Bar	\$397.27
28 September 2012	Australian Capital Territory	Official lunch with the Race Discrimination Commissioner	\$75.54
5 October 2012	Australian Capital Territory	Official lunch with the Chair of the International Legal Services Advisory Council	\$40.45
15 October 2012	Australian Capital Territory	Official lunch with the Acting Deputy Secretary of the Papua New Guinea Department of Justice	\$110.46
7 November 2012	New South Wales	Official dinner for members of the Critical Infrastructure Advisory Council	\$1,105.73
20 November 2012	Indonesia	Official dinner with Indonesian officials	\$90.16
27 November 2012	Australian Capital Territory	Official dinner with delegates from the China Centre for Children's Welfare and Adoption	\$324.54
14 December 2012	New South Wales	Official farewell to member of the Classification Board	\$1,787.71
21 January 2013	Australian Capital Territory	Official dinner with an academic from the Griffith Law School	\$254.56
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$8,652.76</b>

b) There was one instance of hospitality and entertainment by the Ministers during the period 1 July 2012 – 31 January 2013 which is detailed below:

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
25 September 2012	Australian Capital Territory	Official meeting with delegates from the Jordanian Government	\$1,988.18
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,988.18</b>

c) Please see answer to question a).

d) Please see answer to question b).

e) Due to the ad hoc nature of hospitality there are no specific plans in place for departmental or ministerial hospitality or entertainment, however it is expected these will be provided during the normal course of conduct of the department's activities for the remainder of the financial year and next financial year.

f)-h) Please see answer to question e).

i) Given the ad hoc nature of hospitality there are no specific plans for changes to the current arrangements with hospitality and entertainment expenses. The Department expects all hospitality and entertainment expenses to comply with its Chief Executive's Instructions.

#### **Administrative Appeals Tribunal**

Agency's hospitality and entertainment spend 1 July 2012 – 31 January 2013 was \$728.70 and is detailed in the table below:

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
21 May 12	Melbourne	Food and refreshment for liaison meeting	106.92
15 Aug 12	Sydney	Food and refreshment for hosting Thai delegation	27.06
5 Oct 12	Melbourne	Food and refreshment for annual Moot competition	133.05
12 Nov 12	Melbourne	Food and refreshment for liaison meeting	65.42
26 Nov 12	Sydney	Food and refreshment for hosting British Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council delegation	250.00
27 Nov 12	Adelaide	Food and refreshment for liaison meeting	146.25
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$728.70</b>

c) Nil.

e) Due to the ad-hoc nature of hospitality, there is no specific plan in place for the rest of the financial year. It is expected that minor hospitality will be provided in the normal course of conduct of tribunal business for the remainder of the financial year.

g) Nil.

i) The tribunal does not have significant expenditure on hospitality. There are no specific plans for changes to the current arrangements with hospitality expenses.

#### **Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity**

a) Nil.

b) See AGD answer to part b).

c) Nil.

d) See AGD answer to part b).

e) None planned.

f) See AGD answer to part f).

g) See answer to part e).

i) N/A.

h) See AGD answer to part h)

#### **Australian Crime Commission**

a) Agency's hospitality spend 1 July 2012 – 31 January 2013

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
21/08/2012	Canberra	Meeting with CDPP and deputy	\$154.00
28/09/2012	Overseas	Overseas Law Enforcement Liaison meeting	\$458.50
22/11/2012	Sydney	Meeting with US DEA	\$558.90
28/11/2012	Canberra	ACC Stakeholder board Function and annual briefing	\$3,254.59
16/01/2013	Perth	WA Stakeholder dinner	\$189.09
16/01/2013	Adelaide	SA Stakeholder dinner	\$363.73
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$4,978.81</b>

b) N/A

c) \$0.00

d) N/A

e) Hospitality proposals are formally directed and considered by direct supervisors and the responsible delegate. There are no current proposals for hospitality spends akin to our annual stakeholder Board function and annual briefing. It is expected that there will be instances of minor hospitality expenditure proposals between now and the end of the financial year.

f) N/A

g) N/A

h) N/A

i) No. The ACC already has very minimal spend on hospitality and entertainment which is required for the general operation of the agency. However, the ACC seeks to reduce its spending in this area where ever possible.

### **Australian Customs and Border Protection Service**

a) The total cost of hospitality and entertainment for the period 1 October 2012 to 31 January 2013 is detailed in the table below:

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
1 November 2012	Australian Capital Territory	Official opening dinner for Pacific Customs Management Program 2012	\$1,309.36
15 November 2012	Australian Capital Territory	Kokoda Foundation 2012 annual function	\$2,100.00
21 November 2012	Australian Capital Territory	Pacific Customs Management Program 2012 - Cairns Visit Functions	\$1,260.61
21 November 2012	Western Australia	Networking event with Customs and Border Protection's industry stakeholders	\$1,098.18
5 December 2012	United States of America	Liaison function jointly hosted by Department of Immigration and Citizenship, Canada Immigration and Citizenship, Canada Border Services Agency and Australian Customs and Border Protection Service	\$2,325.25
	Hospitality of less than \$1,000 per transaction	Hospitality where amount expended totalled less than \$1,000 on each occasion	\$9,592.67
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$17,686.07</b>

Note:

There was hospitality and entertainment of \$9,592.67 (GST exclusive), where the Agency expended less than \$1,000 on each occasion. The table below outlines the categories of hospitality and entertainment expenditure that was less than \$1,000 (GST exclusive) on each occasion.

For hospitality expenditure from 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012, please refer to QON 116 from the October additional estimates.

<b>Official Hospitality Expenditure (&lt;\$1,000 in value per event)</b>	
<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cost (ex-GST)</b>
Hosting visiting officials and dignitaries from overseas	\$4,476.62
Hospitality associated with Agency stakeholders	\$1,826.10
Events relating to the progress or promotion of the Agency's business	\$727.27
Hospitality at functions for staff in recognition of significant events	\$2,562.68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,592.67</b>

b) N/A

c) Please see answer to part a).

d) N/A

e) As spending on hospitality is generally ad hoc in nature and not a significant budget item, there are no specific plans in place for hospitality or entertainment. However, it is expected these activities will be provided as part of conducting the normal course of the agency's operations during the remainder of the financial year and next financial year.

f) N/A

g) See answer to part e).

h) N/A

i) As hospitality is ad hoc in nature and not a significant budget item, there are no specific plans in place for hospitality or entertainment. However, it is expected these activities will be provided as part of conducting the normal course of the agency's operations during the remainder of the financial year and next financial year.

## Australian Federal Police

a) The cost of hospitality & entertainment for the Australian Federal Police for the financial year to date 31 January 2013 is \$63,647. This does not include costs of graduation ceremonies from the AFP College as these costs cannot be feasibly isolated from course costs. The details of the relevant events are listed below.

<b>Date of Function</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Total Cost (ex-GST) \$</b>
July	Sydney	National Waterfront Taskforces Forum	\$3,175
July	Brisbane	Local law enforcement stakeholder engagement - Queensland Police Service Deputy Commissioners	\$155
July	Adelaide	Official Attendance of retirement function of Commissioner Mal Hyde, AO APM	\$125
July	Gold Coast	Stakeholder engagement FBI members	\$109
July	Gold Coast	Stakeholder engagement FBI members	\$427
July	Wellington	AFP/New Zealand Police /Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police Secretariat (PICP-S) Official Function	\$316
July	Canberra	Official Hospitality, Dr Michael Wesley from Lowy Institute	\$60
July	Darwin	Stakeholder engagement Royal Malaysian Police	\$270
July	Darwin	Stakeholder engagement Royal Malaysian Police	\$968
August	Washington	Stakeholder engagement FBI	\$95
August	Sydney	Community Engagement –Muslim Eid Festival	\$4,200
<b>TOTAL QoN107 Oct12</b>			<b>\$9,990</b>

<b>Date of Function</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Total Cost (ex-GST) \$</b>
October	Vietnam	Asian Region Law Enforcement Management Program (ARLEMP) Function	\$3,463
August	Cairns	Airport Watch Initiative Launch	\$810
November	Brisbane	Stakeholder Engagement - Brisbane Office Partners	\$1,548
December	Sydney	Chemical Diversion Congress opening Networking Function	\$2,836
November	Canberra	AUSAID Function - Australian Civilian Corps	\$2,141
October	Port Moresby	Stakeholder engagement - Royal New Guinea Constabulary	\$1,054
October	London	Post Olympic debrief	\$3,818
October	Bangkok	Stakeholder engagement - Royal Thai Police & Thailand Department of Special Investigations	\$724
October	London	Australian High Commission Ball	\$417
October	Pretoria	Australian High Commission Function	\$171
November	Bangkok	Stakeholder engagement - Royal Thai Police Acknowledgement Function	\$2,767
November	Beijing	Stakeholder engagement - Official Dinner at Embassy House	\$448
November	Jakarta	Stakeholder engagement - farewell dinner for Police Brigadier General for Indonesian National Police	\$519
November	Bangkok	Stakeholder engagement - Foreign Government Law Enforcement Agencies	\$697
November	Beijing	40th Anniversary function at China World Summit	\$7,073
November	Bangkok	Stakeholder engagement - Foreign Anti-Narcotic Community Thailand	\$2,961
December	London	Stakeholder engagement - London partners	\$560
December	Guangzhou	Stakeholder engagement - 5yr Anniversary Local Law Partnerships	\$583
December	Davao, Manila	Stakeholder engagement - Mindanao Area Police Intelligence Officers	\$53



<b>Date of Function</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Total Cost (ex-GST) \$</b>
December	Port Moresby	Stakeholder engagement - Papua New Guinea-Australia policing Partnership Transnational Crime Unit	\$650
December	Washington	Stakeholder engagement - Washington partners	\$3,803
December	Makati, Manila	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agencies	\$478
December	Beijing	Stakeholder engagement - "Five Eyes" alliance	\$600
December	Colombo	Stakeholder engagement - Colombo partners	\$930
December	Yangon	Australia Day function	\$500
January	Los Angeles	G'Day USA Gala	\$7,155
October	Washington USA	Strategic relationship development	\$328
November	Cologne, Germany	Stakeholder engagement - German Policing	\$249
November	Jakarta, Indonesia	Stakeholder engagement - Polda Metro Jaya Narcotics Director	\$153
November	Amman Jordan	Stakeholder engagement - Royal Canadian Mounted Police	\$46
November	Bangkok, Thailand	Stakeholder engagement - General Putichant Ekachant	\$99
November	Tonga	Stakeholder engagement - Transnational Crime Unit	\$340
November	Melbourne	Stakeholder engagement - Melbourne Airport partners	\$533
November	Colombo	Stakeholder engagement - Colombo Partners	\$505
November	Düsseldorf, Germany	Stakeholder engagement - German Policing	\$121
December	Jakarta, Indonesia	Stakeholder engagement - Diplomatic security managers	\$516
November	Darwin	Stakeholder engagement - US Marshals in Australia	\$399
December	Canberra	Stakeholder engagement - Pakistan Deputy High Commissioner	\$445

<b>Date of Function</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Total Cost (ex-GST) \$</b>
December	Wellington, NZ	Stakeholder engagement - New Zealand Police	\$116
January	Sydney	Stakeholder engagement - Serious & Organised Crime Agency (Asia)	\$601
January	Canberra	Stakeholder engagement - Hong Kong Police	\$207
January	Kuala Lumpur	Liaison Officer reception	\$1,792
January	Canberra	Stakeholder engagement - Canadian Air Security Officers	\$447
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$53,657</b>

b) N/A

c) Please see answer to part a).

d) N/A

e) As spending on hospitality is generally ad hoc in nature, there are no specific plans in place for hospitality or entertainment. However, it is expected these activities will be provided as part of conducting the normal course of the agency's operations during the remainder of the financial year and next financial year.

f) N/A

g) See answer to part e).

h) N/A

i) The Australian Federal Police is reviewing supplier expenditure items to seek cost reductions where appropriate. There are no specific plans for changes to the current arrangements in relation to hospitality and entertainment. As hospitality is ad hoc in nature, there are no specific plans in place for hospitality or entertainment. However, it is expected these activities will be provided as part of conducting the normal course of the agency's operations during the remainder of the financial year and next financial year.

#### **Australian Government Solicitor**

The Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) is a government business enterprise operating on a commercial and competitive basis in providing legal and related services to government and its agencies. AGS does not receive any Budget or other appropriations and its employees are engaged outside of the *Public Service Act 1999*. The question is therefore not applicable to AGS.

## Australian Human Rights Commission

### a) Agency's hospitality spend 1 July 2012 – 31 January 2013

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
8/12/2011	NSW	Working Lunch: AGD/AHRC Managers	\$108
3/02/2012	NSW	Working Lunch : AGD Trainers	\$120
4/06/2012	NSW	Working Lunch: Ausaid re: redesign of China HRTC Program	\$73
15/07/2012	NSW	Welcome Lunch for international scholarship student	\$78
26/07/2012	NSW	Working Lunch: President with UNHCR, Commonwealth Ombudsman and Red Cross	\$130
27/07/2012	NSW	Hosted farewell function for outgoing President	\$5,224
2/08/2012	NSW	Hosted dinner with Members of Navy Prior to meeting with Chief of Navy – (ADFA Review).	\$1,092
3/08/2012	NSW	Hosted Planning Day (ADFA Review Phase 3) and Dinner with ADFR Panel Members.	\$1,527
20/08/2012	NSW	Hosted Lunch: Welcome for delegation from CEMA Vietnam	\$710
27/08/2012	NSW	Hosted Lunch: delegation from Vietnam	\$302
29/08/2012	NSW	Hosted Farewell Lunch: delegation from Vietnam	\$699
4/09/2012	NSW	Dinner with Sarah Bamford SBS 20 Years 20 Stories	\$85
04/09/2012	NSW	Working Lunch : Preparation for Vietnam HRTC Phase 4 with AGD	\$104
13/09/2012	NSW	Working Lunch: President and staff	\$40
28/09/2012	NSW	Working Lunch : President and staff	\$49
5/10/2012	NSW	Hosted Lunch with international scholarship student	\$108
11/10/2012	NSW	Working Lunch : Professor Jim Ife	\$53
17/10/2012	NSW	Working Lunch : President and staff	\$57
17/10/2012	NSW	Working Lunch : Peter Lewis, Essential Media Communications	\$106
1/11/2012	NSW	Hosted Lunch with NZ HR Commissioner	\$480

15/11/2012	WA	Working Lunch with Dorinda Cox NATSIWA	\$43
30/11/2012	NSW	Post Social Justice Report & Native Title Report Launch lunch	\$546
2/12/2012	NSW	Working Lunch with HR Commissioners	\$98
3/12/2012	ACT	Working lunch prior to FAHCSIA meeting re: UN Declaration	\$61
4/12/2012	NSW	Hosted Dinner with AG and Commissioners	\$1,095
14/12/2012	NSW	Hosted Function : Close the Gap Campaign	\$239
15/12/2012	NSW	Hosted Farewell Lunch : delegation from Vietnam	\$1,160
20/12/2012	NSW	Working Lunch: President and staff	\$45
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$14,432*</b>

\*Of the amount identified \$5,852 was attributed to activities performed under fee for service arrangements and fully cost recovered including:

- \$2,619 related to activities on behalf of the ADF for the Defence Force Review
- \$3,233 related to activities on behalf of Ausaid for the Human Rights Technical Cooperation Programs

b) N/A

c) Agency's entertainment spend 1 July 2012 – 31 January 2013 - Nil

d) N/A

e) Agency's planned hospitality spend - the Commission has no significant hospitality or entertainment events planned at this time. Generally hospitality is arranged on an ad-hoc basis and incurred at a level appropriate to its operational activities.

f) N/A

g) Agency's planned entertainment spend - The Commission has no significant hospitality or entertainment events planned at this time. Generally hospitality is arranged on an ad-hoc basis and incurred at a level appropriate to its operational activities.

h) N/A

i) The Commission has no significant hospitality or entertainment events planned at this time. Generally hospitality is arranged on an ad-hoc basis and incurred at a level appropriate to its operational activities.

### **Australian Institute of Criminology**

The AIC expenditure on hospitality for the FYTD is \$7,791. No distinction is made between hospitality and entertainment.

- a) Agency's hospitality spend 1 July 2012 – 31 January 2013 - See above
- b) N/A
- c) Agency's entertainment spend 1 July 2012 – 31 January 2013 - See above
- d) N/A
- e) Agency's planned hospitality spend - See above
- f) N/A
- g) Agency's planned entertainment spend - See above
- h) N/A
- i) The AIC's spending on entertainment and hospitality is minimal, and decisions to provide hospitality and entertainment are only undertaken with the director's approval.

### **Australian Law Reform Commission**

The ALRC does not separate expenditure between hospitality and entertainment.

- a) Agency's hospitality spend 1 July 2012 – 31 January 2013

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
9/8/2012	NSW	Age Barriers to Work Advisory Committee Meeting to discuss proposals in the Discussion Paper prior to public release.	\$70.40
14/11/12	NSW	Consultation for Age Barriers Inquiry	\$21.63
6/12/12	NSW	Age Barriers to Work Inquiry Advisory Committee Meeting	\$95.80
3/12/12	NSW	Working lunch for parliamentary legislative drafting seminar	\$192.70
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$380.53</b>

- b) N/A
- c) Nil - The ALRC does not separate expenditure between hospitality and entertainment.
- d) N/A

e) Agency's planned hospitality spend

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
April 2013	NSW	Copyright Inquiry Advisory Committee meeting to discuss proposals in Discussion paper prior to public release	\$400.00
April 2013	NSW	Creative Industry reference group to discuss proposals in Copyright Discussion paper prior to public release	\$150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$550.00</b>

f) N/A

g) Nil - The ALRC does not separate expenditure between hospitality and entertainment.

h) N/A

i) The ALRC is not planning to reduce expenditure on these items as these meetings are essential to the inquiry process and are already costed at a minimum.

#### **Australian Security Intelligence Organisation**

a), c), e), g), i) For security reasons, it would not be appropriate to detail ASIO's hospitality costs.

b), d), f), h) N/A

#### **Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre**

a) Agency's hospitality and entertainment spend 1 July 2012–31 January 2013 was \$2,713.28 and is detailed in the table below:

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
17-Jul-12	Brisbane	Official dinner for the President and Secretary of the Financial Action Task Force	\$718.18
4-Oct-12	Sydney	Hosted Major Reporters Forum	\$1,787.28
27-Sep-12	Sydney	Official lunch for Zambian delegation	\$207.82
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$2,713.28</b>

b) N/A

c) Please see answer to part a).

d) N/A

e) As spending on hospitality is generally ad hoc in nature, there are no specific plans in place for hospitality or entertainment. However, it is expected these activities will be provided as part of conducting the normal course of the agency's operations during the remainder of the financial year and next financial year.

f) N/A

g) See answer to part e).

h) N/A

i) As hospitality is ad hoc in nature, there are no specific plans in place for hospitality or entertainment. However, it is expected these activities will be provided as part of conducting the normal course of the agency's operations during the remainder of the financial year and next financial year.

### **CrimTrac**

a) Agency's hospitality spend 1 July 2012 – 31 January 2013

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
23/8/2012	ACT	CrimTrac Birthday Function – food & drinks	\$1,242.13
6/10/2012	QLD	Commissioner Atkinson's retirement dinner	\$240.60
9/11/2012	QLD	ACLA Awards Dinner 2012	\$378.00
23/01/2013	ACT	NPRS UAG dinner	\$445.45
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$2,306.18</b>

b) N/A

c) Nil

d) N/A

e) CrimTrac has no hospitality expenditure planned.

f) N/A

g) CrimTrac has no entertainment expenditure planned.

h) N/A

i) Due to the low cost and frequency of CrimTrac hospitality and entertainment spend there are no plans in place to reduce this in the coming years.

### **Family Court of Australia**

a) Consistent with the response to Question on Notice 155 asked following the May 2012 hearings, the Family Court of Australia does not split expenses between hospitality and entertainment. The Court does not have the necessary resources to detail each hospitality and entertainment event. As at 30 September 2012 expenditure is \$534. 1 October to 31 January 2013 expenditure is \$40,078. Financial year to date 1 July to 31 January 2013 is \$40,612. All amounts are GST Exclusive.

b) Nil Response

c) See point (a) above

d) Nil Response

- e) The Family Court of Australia has budgeted for to spend \$58,882 (GST Exclusive) on hospitality and entertainment for 2012/13
- f) Nil Response
- g) Note point (e) above
- h) Nil Response
- i) Consistent with the response to Question on Notice 155 asked following the May 2012 hearings, due to the ad hoc nature of hospitality there are no specific plans in place for hospitality or entertainment, however it is expected these will be provided during the normal course of conduct of the ministerial activities during the remainder of the financial year.

**Federal Court of Australia**

a) Agency's hospitality spend 1 July 2012 – 31 January 2013

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
1/7/12-30/9/12	Countrywide	Judges meetings and workshops	\$38,745
1/7/12 – 30/9/12	Countrywide	Registry meetings and workshops	\$12,669
To attempt to provide a more detailed response would involve an unreasonable diversion of Court resources.			
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$51,414</b>

- b) N/A
- c) Nil
- d) N/A
- e) Agency's planned hospitality spend - due to the ad hoc nature of hospitality there are no specific plans in place for hospitality or entertainment, however it is expected these will be provided during the normal course of the conduct of the Court's activities during the remainder of the financial year.
- f) N/A
- g) Agency's planned entertainment spend - See answer to e)
- h) N/A
- i) The Court has no specific plans to reduce expenditure on hospitality and entertainment expenses.



## **Federal Magistrates Court**

- a) Consistent with the reply to Question on Notice 155 asked following the May 2012 hearings, the Federal Magistrates Court of Australia does not split expenses between hospitality and entertainment. The Court does not have the necessary resources to detail each hospitality and entertainment event. As at 30 September 2012 expenditure is \$349. 1 October to 31 January 2013 expenditure is \$2,705. Financial year to date 1 July to 31 January 2013 is \$3,054. All amounts are GST Exclusive (GST Exclusive).
- b) Nil Response
- c) See point (a) above
- d) Nil Response
- e) The Federal Magistrates Court of Australia has budgeted for to spend \$9,189 (GST Exclusive) on hospitality and entertainment for 2012/13
- f) Nil Response
- g) Note point (e) above
- h) Nil Response
- i) The Federal Magistrates Court of Australia is continually looking to make savings in all areas of expenditure.

## **High Court of Australia**

- a) Refer to Table A
- c) Refer to Table A
- e) Refer to Table B
- g) Refer to Table B
- i) Hospitality and entertainment will continue to be provided during the normal course of the High Court activities as required. The Court is continually reviewing expenditure to ensure value for money is achieved.

<b>Table A - Hospitality &amp; Entertainment Spending July 2012 - January 2013</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cost (ex GST)</b>
6/08/2012	Canberra	DINNER FOR VISITING CHIEF JUSTICE	1,064.99
15/08/2012	Canberra	STAFF BREAKFAST	284.09
13 - 15/09/2012	Canberra	JUDICIAL COLLOQUIUM - LUNCHESES, DINNER, MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEAS	6,831.63
3/10/2012	Canberra	GUMMOW J FAREWELL FUNCTION	2,678.16
9/10/2012	Canberra	GAGELER J SWEARING IN - LUNCH FOR JUSTICES AND RETIRED JUSTICES	3,630.63
9/10/2012	Canberra	GAGELER J SWEARING IN - PUBLIC AFTERNOON	6,992.97

		TEA	
25/10/2012	Canberra	STAFF LUNCH	153.50
7/11/2012	Canberra	DINNER FOR JUSTICES AND SPOUSES	1,195.45
14/11/2012	Canberra	PUBLIC LECTURE CATERING	3,168.41
23/11/2012	Melbourne	MELBOURNE STAFF DINNER	857.73
26/11/2012	Canberra	INDONESIAN COURT & EMBASSY OFFICIALS LUNCH	405.45
5/12/2012	Canberra	STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY	4,686.77
11/12/2012	Sydney	SYDNEY STAFF DINNER	1,271.45
	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 33,221.23</b>

<b>Table B - Hospitality &amp; Entertainment Planned Expense February - June 2013</b>			
Date	Location	Purpose	Cost (ex GST)
4/02/2013	Canberra	PRESENTATION OF NEW SENIOR COUNSEL CATERING	4,215.45
1/03/2013	Canberra	HEYDON J FAREWELL FUNCTION	1,082.86
5/03/2013	Canberra	KEANE J SWEARING – LUNCH FOR JUSTICES AND RETIRED JUSTICES	2,935.45
5/03/2013	Canberra	KEANE J SWEARING – PUBLIC CATERING	7,923.36
	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 16,157.12</b>

### **Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia**

- a) \$35.26, 29/10/2012, Adelaide office, gift to commemorate visit from Japanese District Court Judge and staff on Australian Insolvency law,
- b) N/A
- c) Nil
- d) N/A
- e) This expense is needs based and there are no current commitments for this.
- f) N/A
- g) This expense is needs based and there are no current commitments for this
- h) N/A
- i) Nil

### **National Native Title Tribunal**

The NNTT will not be providing a response to this question, as from 1 July 2012 the National Native Title Tribunal is no longer a *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* Agency, and is funded to carry out its functions as a sub-program of the Federal Court of Australia's appropriation.

## Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

a) Agency's hospitality spend 1 July 2012-31 January 2013

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
24/08/12	NSW	Dinner with Canadian Privacy Commissioner	\$136
21/11/12	ACT	Lunch with European Ombudsman	\$160
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$296</b>

b) N/A

c) Nil

d) N/A

e) The OAIC has no significant hospitality or entertainment events planned at this time. Generally hospitality is arranged on an ad-hoc basis and incurred at a level appropriate to its operational activities.

f) N/A

g) The OAIC has no significant hospitality or entertainment events planned at this time. Generally hospitality is arranged on an ad-hoc basis and incurred at a level appropriate to its operational activities.

h) N/A

i) The OAIC has no specific plans to change its spending on hospitality and entertainment. Generally hospitality is arranged on an ad-hoc basis and incurred at a level appropriate to its operational activities.

## Office of Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions

a) Nil

b) N/A

c) Nil

d) N/A

e) Nil

f) N/A

g) Nil

h) N/A

i) The Office does not expect to incur hospitality and entertainment expenses this year.

## Office for Parliamentary Counsel

a) Agency's hospitality and entertainment spend 1 July 2012 – 30 September 2012 was \$4,200.56 and is detailed in the table below:

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
25 July 2012	Victoria	Official lunch for the Business-Government Advisory Group	\$2,751.82
31 July 2012	Indonesia	Official dinner with Indonesian officials	\$70.14
2 August 2012	Australian Capital Territory	Official dinner with delegates from the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency	\$515.46
2 August 2012	Australian Capital Territory	Official lunch with delegates from the US Federal Emergency Management Agency	\$28.60
14 August 2012	Australian Capital Territory	Official dinner with delegates attending the Non-Government Organisations Forum on Human Rights	\$454.54
26 August 2012	Australian Capital Territory	Official lunch with delegates from the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency	\$78.64
5 September 2012	Australian Capital Territory	Official dinner with speakers attending the Security in Government Conference	\$244.09
25 September 2012	Australian Capital Territory	Official lunch with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner	\$57.27
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$4,200.56</b>

b) N/A

c) Please see answer to question a).

d) Please see answer to question b).

e) Due to the ad hoc nature of hospitality there are no specific plans in place for hospitality or entertainment, however it is expected these will be provided during the normal course of conduct of the agency's activities during the coming financial year.

f)-h) Please see answer to question e).

i) The Agency spent significantly less expenditure on hospitality and entertainment during the period 1 July – 30 September 2012 compared to the same period the previous financial year. There are no specific plans for changes to the current arrangements with hospitality and entertainment expenses.