

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0456) Program – Internal Product

Senator Humphries (written) asked:

(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?

Answer:

(a) The department's official hospitality reporting process is completed on a quarterly basis, the reporting period ending December 2012. The department's official hospitality expenditure for the first two quarters of the 2012–13 financial year was:

	Total for the six months to December 2012
Onshore – within Australia*	\$23 393
Offshore – outside Australia+	\$20 640
Total	\$44 033

Note: *Onshore - GST inclusive where applicable

+Offshore - includes all relevant taxes and charges

A full breakdown of expenditure for the period July to December 2012 is provided at Attachment A in this response. Expenses relate primarily to meals provided to foreign dignitaries or key stakeholders in order to build stakeholder relationships.

(b) For the 2012–13 financial year to date, the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) expended \$5,160.92 on behalf of the Hon Chris Bowen, MP, former Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (Minister Bowen) for four functions, each are listed below;

- \$2,766.81 was for dinner hosted by Minister Bowen for senior representatives of the Government of Papua New Guinea to undertake high-level discussions. The dinner was held on 4 October 2012 at the Airways Hotel, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
- \$180.00 was for dinner hosted by Minister Bowen for senior representatives of the Government of Lebanon. The dinner provided the opportunity to build and expand relationships. The dinner was held on 22 October 2012 at the Head of Missions residence in Beirut, Lebanon
- \$574.11 was for dinner hosted by Minister Bowen for senior representatives of the Government of Lebanon and key stakeholders. The dinner was held to undertake high level discussions and build relationships. The dinner was held on 23 October 2012 at Zaituna Bay Restaurant, Beirut, Lebanon.

For the 2012–13 financial year to date, DIAC has not expended funds for official hospitality on behalf of Senator the Hon Kate Lundy, Minister for Multicultural Affairs or the Hon Brendan O'Connor, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship. Minister O'Connor was sworn in as Minister for Immigration and Citizenship on 4 February 2013.

(c) The department does not differentiate between hospitality and entertainment. The department's finance system captures information on expenditure for both entertainment and hospitality in a combined format referred to as official hospitality.

(d) For the 2012–13 financial year to date, DIAC has not expended funds for entertainment for any Minister.

(e) The department expects that expenditure on official hospitality for 2012–13 will be consistent with 2011–12 expenditure and will be approximately \$150 000. Detailed information on planned official hospitality expenditure is not available.

(f) DIAC is not currently planning any hospitality spend for any Minister.

(g) DIAC does not differentiate between hospitality and entertainment. Please refer to answer (e).

(h) DIAC is not currently planning any entertainment spend for any Minister.

(i) The current level of expenditure on hospitality and entertainment is considered appropriate for a department that has international engagement with many stakeholder groups. However, the department will continue to focus on cost effective outcomes.

MRT-RRT

Answer:

In the financial year to 31 January 2013 the MRT-RRT spent \$980.00 on hospitality, the details are as follows;

- \$400.00 was spent on hospitality for a Victorian Registry Open Day held on 18 June 2012 (this was paid on 31 July 2012). This event was held on MRT-RRT premises in Melbourne
- \$580.00 was spent on Community Liaison meetings held in Melbourne on 7 November 2012, in Brisbane on 16 November 2012, and in Perth on 29 November 2012. The Melbourne Community Liaison meeting was held on MRT-RRT premises. The Brisbane and Perth Community Liaison meetings were held on Administrative Appeals Tribunal premises.

ONSHORE OFFICIAL HOSPITALITY REGISTER 2012–2013 - JULY TO DECEMBER			ATTACHMENT A
DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE	\$ (GST INCL)
30/07/2012	Waterfall Restaurant, Christmas Island	Stakeholder engagement with Minister, the department and key community members on Christmas Island	840
22/08/2012	Rigoni's Bistro, Adelaide, South Australia	Relationship building between the department and key executives from DFAT, AFP, DAS and South Australia Police	438
28/08/2012	Portia's Place, Kingston, ACT	Relationship building for future and ongoing business between the department and the High Commissioner of Papua New Guinea	199
31/08/2012	Lee Street Sydney, NSW	Afternoon lunch for 13 Canadian Delegates. Benefits include fostering relationship between the department and Canadian officials in relation to the Skillselect system	477
5/09/2012	The Department of Immigration and Citizenship, ACT & Regions Office, Braddon, ACT	Relationship building between the department and key community leaders and multicultural stakeholders in the ACT. Furthering the Community Liaison Officer role through targeted consultation and information sessions	195
10/09/2012	Lee Street, Sydney, NSW	Stakeholder engagement with visiting United Arab Emirates (UAE) delegation to exchange expertise on border security and further strengthen Australia's relationship with the UAE held in Sydney	114
11/09/2012	Level 5 North, 6 Chan Street, Belconnen, ACT	Stakeholder engagement with visiting UAE delegation to exchange expertise on border security and further strengthen Australia's relationship with the UAE held in Canberra. Hospitality included providing lunch, dinner and transportation	3 544
12/09/2012	National Museum of Australia, Canberra, ACT	Gift to show the department's appreciation for the visit for UAE delegation visit in September 2012	173
19/09/2012	Parliament House, Canberra, ACT	Stakeholder engagement between the Australian Multicultural Committee and the department with peak industry bodies.	11 901

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DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE	\$ (GST INCL)
8/11/2012	The Madison Hotel, Surry Hills, NSW	Reception for Humanitarian Settlement Services Service Providers and the department's contract managers to improve relations and facilitate greater collaboration and understanding in the delivery of settlement services	2 149
10/12/2012	Courgette, Canberra, ACT	Official Dinner for Minister's Council on Asylum Seekers and Detention and advisors to provide advice on the development of detention policies, processes, services and programs	1 913
10/12/2012	Turkish Delight, Belconnen, ACT	Enhance business relationships with a formal lunch with officers from the Indonesian Directorate General of Immigration undertaking work placements at the department	126
10/12/2012	Blu Ginger, Canberra, ACT	Enhance business relationships with a formal dinner with officers from the Indonesian Directorate General of Immigration undertaking work placements at the department	280
11/12/2012	Turkish Delight, Belconnen, ACT	Provide hospitality to thank US Department of State officials for their time to discuss visa and immigration information	122
11/12/2012	DIAC National Office, Canberra, ACT	Enhance business relationships with an informal lunch with officers from the Indonesian Directorate General of Immigration undertaking work placements at the department	374
12/12/2012	DIAC National Office, Canberra, ACT	Provide hospitality for visiting Sri Lankan public servants to enhance bilateral relationship between Australia and Sri Lanka	218
12/12/2012	Mekong Thai Restaurant, Adelaide, South Australia	Enhance business relationships with an informal lunch with officers from the Indonesian Directorate General of Immigration undertaking work placements at the department	111
13/12/2012	Adelaide, South Australia	Provide hospitality to enhance business relationships officers from the Indonesian Directorate General of Immigration undertaking work placements at the department	138
TOTAL ONSHORE OFFICIAL HOSPITALITY FOR THE SIX MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2012			23 393

OFFSHORE OFFICIAL HOSPITALITY REGISTER 2012–13 - JULY TO DECEMBER			ATTACHMENT A
DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE	\$*
4/07/2012	Australian Permanent Mission, Geneva, Switzerland	Foster relationships with NGOs prior to the Annual Tripartite Consultation on Resettlement. Reception hosted by Embassy	43
8/07/2012	Club de la Plage ONU, Geneva, Switzerland	Australian delegation dinner to discussion of resettlement issues with non-government organisation stakeholders prior to Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement consultations	549
9/07/2012	Eurest Restaurant, ILO, Geneva, Switzerland	Hosted reception as the Chair of the Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement/Working Group on Resettlement (ATCR/WGR,) at the International Organisation for Labour for the ATCR delegates	3 433
9/07/2012	Pauses Café, ILO, Geneva, Switzerland	As the Chair of the Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement/Working Group on Resettlement (ATCR/WGR,) the Department provided morning & afternoon tea	4 196
17/07/2012	Woods Restaurant, Hotel Intercontinental, Geneva, Switzerland	UNHCR consultations on UNHCR ExCom Consultation process	185
18/07/2012	Café 9, Chambesy, Geneva, Switzerland	Stakeholder relationships with Norway representative on UNHCR consultations	81
30/07/2012	Australian High Commission, New Delhi, India	Stakeholder engagement in relation to new visa arrangements to strengthen relationships between government agencies and the providers	997
2/08/2012	Café 9, Chambesy, Geneva, Switzerland	Relationship building with new US Mission colleagues to build relationship, discuss roles and responsibilities and establish intergovernmental consultations on migration, asylum, and refugees and the global forum on migration and development	122

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20/08/2012	Side Door Contemporary Kitchen, Ottawa, Ontario	Reinforce linkages between Australian and Canadian Government and to further develop FCC data sharing working group agenda	116
24/08/2012	Dag H, Copenhagen, Denmark	Meeting with Danish Immigration Service to maintain relationships	37
29/08/2012	Restaurant Sagano, Geneva, Switzerland	Discuss Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) roundtable and Labour Mobility Workshop with GFMD Coordinator	111
18/09/2012	Vidalia Restaurant, Washington DC, USA	Lunch with Regional Director British Embassy to discuss future liaison arrangements and integrity and data sharing projects	156
28/09/2012	Le Jardin, De Taimani, Kabul, Afghanistan	Meet with stakeholders from the IOM to discuss reporting on a Commonwealth program	329
30/09/2012	Café du Soleil, Geneva, Switzerland	Meet with Australian cross-agency delegation and NGO representatives to UNHCR Executive Committee	479
3/10/2012	Kwamambo, Harare, Zimbabwe	Maintaining relationship with Visa Application Centre in Harare	56
3/10/2012	Vieux-Bois Restaurant, Geneva, Switzerland	Discussion of migration policy and cooperation with Australian delegation to UNHCR ExCom and IOM officials	385
12/10/2012	Seolgaon, Jongrogu, Seoul, South Korea	Relationship building with Korean Immigration Service International Relations	176
12/10/2012	Café 9, Chambesy, Geneva, Switzerland	Roundtable discussion preparations for GFMD	252
15/10/2012	Tabard Inn, 1739 N St NW, Washington DC, USA	Discuss strategy with US Department of Homeland to advance biometric information	70
23/10/2012	Woods Restaurant, Hotel Intercontinental, Geneva, Switzerland	Discuss preparation for 2013 High Level Dialogue with Mexican representative	153
25/10/2012	Siroc Restaurant, 915 15th St NW Washington DC, USA	Discuss legal issues to data sharing with US Department of State	87

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DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE	\$*
26/10/2012	Elephant & Castle Pennsylvania Ave, Washington DC, USA	Discuss FCC working group development and strategy for advancing biometric data sharing	73
3/11/2012	Australian High Commission, Colombo, Sri Lanka	Enhance stakeholder engagement key Sri Lankan counterparts and introduce new Principal Migration Officer	1 769
6/11/2012	Australian Embassy, Moscow, Russia	Moscow Immigration Control Alliance Members monthly meeting to discuss latest trends in irregular movements and document fraud	156
13/11/2012	Panchita Restaurant, Lima, Peru	Official dinner for Identity Management Course participants and invited guests as part of Public Sector Linkages Program	1 455
21/11/2012	Yun's Fusions Restaurant, Shanghai, China	Stakeholder relationship lunch to foster relationships with Shanghai Municipal Government and commercial partners supporting tourism and education industries	701
5/12/2012	Australian Embassy, Washington DC, USA	Reception to thank US Government contacts for their assistance to maintain and build relationships	3 903
9/12/2012	Taverna du Liban, Kabul, Afghanistan	Develop stronger relationship with key border control officials with Afghan Border Police at Kabul airport	385
11/12/2012	Serena Hotel, Kabul, Afghanistan	Relationship building with Afghan Minister for Refugees and Repatriation in key policy areas	185
TOTAL OFFSHORE OFFICIAL HOSPITALITY FOR THE SIX MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2012			20 640

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