

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0092) Program: Internal Product

Senator Humphries asked:

Portfolio-wide: Hospitality and Entertainment – 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 each event.

Answer:

For the 2011-12 financial year to date (22 May 2012), DIAC has expended \$3,752.24 on behalf of the Hon Chris Bowen, MP, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (Minister Bowen) for three functions, each are listed below.

\$1,816.01 was for lunch hosted by Minister Bowen, for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and officials, to undertake high level discussions. The lunch was held on Tuesday 6 December 2011 at The Observatory Restaurant, Hotel d'Angleterre, Geneva, Switzerland.

\$988.09 was for lunch hosted by Minister Bowen, for the most senior India-based immigration representatives from the American Embassy, British High Commission, New Zealand High Commission and Canadian High Commission, to undertake high level discussions. The lunch was held on Tuesday 1 May 2012 at the Shangri-La Hotel, New Delhi, India.

\$948.14 was for dinner hosted by Minister Bowen, for senior representatives of the Government of India, the education sector and the business community, to undertake high-level discussions. The dinner was held on Tuesday 1 May 2012 at the High Commissioner's Residence, Australian High Commission, New Delhi, India.

For the 2011-12 financial year to date (22 May 2012), DIAC has expended \$2,824.00 on behalf of Senator the Hon Kate Lundy, Minister for Multicultural Affairs (Minister Lundy), formerly the Parliamentary Secretary for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs. This was for a dinner hosted by Minister Lundy, for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and officials, to undertake high level discussions. The dinner was held on Sunday 12 February 2012 at The Boathouse Restaurant, Barton, ACT.