

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27 – 28 May 2013

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (BE13/0506) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Humphries (Written) asked:

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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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) DIAC's official hospitality reporting process is completed on a quarterly basis. DIAC's official hospitality expenditure for the first three quarters of the 2012–13 financial year ending 31 March 2013 was:

|                               | Total from July 2012 to March 2013 |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Onshore – within Australia*   | \$33 147                           |
| Offshore – outside Australia+ | \$30 316                           |
| Total                         | \$63 463                           |

Note: \*Onshore - GST inclusive where applicable  
+Offshore - includes all relevant taxes and charges

A full breakdown of expenditure for the period July 2012 to March 2013 is provided at Attachment A Onshore Official Hospitality Register and Attachment B Offshore Official Hospitality Register in this response. Expenses relate primarily to meals and drinks provided to foreign dignitaries or key stakeholders in order to build stakeholder relationships.

(b) For the 2012–13 financial year to date, DIAC expended \$5,160.92 for official hospitality on behalf of the Hon Chris Bowen, MP, former Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (Minister Bowen). There have been four functions as listed below.

- \$1,640.00 was to support the meeting of the Select Council on Immigration and Settlement, the Ministerial Council established under the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), for which Minister Bowen was chair. The meeting was held on 7 August 2012 at the National Convention Centre, Canberra
- \$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 expended \$2,282.48 for official hospitality on behalf of 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. There have been three functions as listed below.

- \$1,927.53 was for a cocktail reception hosted by Minister O'Connor for senior Papua New Guinean government officials. The reception provided the opportunity to build and expand relationships. The reception was held on 25 February 2013 at the Airways Hotel, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.
- \$280.55 was for a lunch hosted by Minister O'Connor for senior representatives of the government of Sri Lanka. The lunch provided the opportunity to build and expand relationships. The lunch was held on 2 May 2013 at the Dutch Hospital, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

- \$74.40 was for a dinner hosted by Minister O'Connor for senior representatives of the government of Sri Lanka. The dinner provided the opportunity to build and expand relationships. The dinner was held on Thursday 2 May 2013 at the Head of Mission's residence, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

For the 2012–13 financial year to date, DIAC expended \$4,160.82 for official hospitality on behalf of Senator the Hon Kate Lundy, Minister for Multicultural Affairs. There have been two functions as listed below.

- \$3,221.82 was for a lunch hosted by Senator Lundy for the People of Australia Ambassadors and the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Australian Multicultural Council. The purpose of this event was to officially congratulate the 2012 Ambassadors on the completion of the first term of the program. The lunch was held at the Australian Botanical Gardens, Canberra on 10 December 2012 at the Australian Botanical Gardens, Canberra.
- \$939.00 was for an afternoon tea hosted by Senator Lundy for a special budget briefing for ethnic media. The afternoon tea provided the opportunity to build and expand relationships. The afternoon tea was held on Wednesday 15 May 2013 at Parliament House, Canberra.

For the 2012–13 financial year to date, DIAC has not expended any funds for official hospitality on behalf of Senator the Hon Matt Thistlethwaite, Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs.

(c) DIAC 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. Please refer to answer (a).

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

(e) DIAC 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 or Parliamentary Secretary.

(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 or Parliamentary Secretary.

(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, DIAC will continue to focus on cost effective outcomes.

*MRT-RRT:*

In the financial year to 12 June 2013 the MRT-RRT spent \$1,460 on hospitality for Open Day events. Two were held in May 2013, and two were held in May 2012. All events were on tribunal premises.

**ATTACHMENT A - ONSHORE OFFICIAL HOSPITALITY REGISTER (JULY 2012 TO MARCH 2013)**

| <b>DATE</b> | <b>LOCATION</b>  | <b>PURPOSE</b>  | <b>\$ (GST INCL)</b> |
|-------------|--|---|----------------------|
| 30/07/2012  | Waterfall Restaurant, Christmas Island   | Stakeholder engagement with Minister and key community members on Christmas Island  | 840                  |
| 22/08/2012  | Rigoni's Bistro, Adelaide, South Australia   | Relationship building lunch with 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 with the High Commission of Papua New Guinea  | 199                  |
| 31/08/2012  | DIAC, Lee Street, Sydney, NSW  | Fostering relationship with Canadian officials in relation to the Skillsselect System   | 478                  |
| 5/09/2012   | DIAC, Braddon, ACT   | Relationship building with key community leaders and multicultural stakeholders in the ACT  | 195                  |
| 10/09/2012  | Canberra, ACT and Sydney, NSW  | Official hospitality provided to visiting officials from the United Arab Emirates here to discuss border security.  | 3 831                |
| 19/09/2012  | Parliament House, Canberra, ACT  | The Australian Multicultural Committee hosted the inaugural lecture and supper for peak industry stakeholders to highlight the work of the committee.   | 11 901               |
| 8/11/2012   | The Madison Hotel, Surry Hills, NSW  | Reception for Humanitarian Settlement Services Program service providers and contract managers to improve relations and facilitate greater collaboration and understanding in the delivery of settlement services | 2 150                |
| 12/11/2012  | DIAC, Belconnen and Ottoman Cuisine Barton, ACT. Healesville Sanctuary Zoo and Sheesh Grill, Tullamarine, Victoria | Promote engagement in border systems capabilities and migration with hospitality provided to delegation from the Government of Iran   | 2 340                |
| 29/11/2012  | Sydney and Canberra, Australia   | Stakeholder engagement with visiting Ministry of interior of Kurdistan Regional Government to exchange expertise on border administration and airport processes   | 6 290                |
| 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  | Canberra, ACT and Adelaide, South Australia  | Official hospitality provided to officers from the Indonesian Directorate General of Immigration undertaking work placements at the department  | 1 029                |
| 11/12/2012  | Georges on Waymouth, Adelaide, South Australia   | Stakeholder engagement with South Australian Police representatives   | 493                  |
| 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                  |

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| 12/12/2012  | DIAC, Belconnen, ACT                         | Provide hospitality for visiting Sri Lankan public servants to enhance bilateral relationships between Australia and Sri Lanka                                   | 217                  |
| 24/1/2013   | Mecca Bah, Canberra, ACT                     | Stakeholder engagement with key contacts at the Indonesian Embassy to continue fostering good working relationships  | 164                  |
| 13/02/2013  | DIAC, Belconnen, ACT                         | Provide opportunity to discuss Australia's immigration and settlement policies with visiting German foreign delegation   | 104                  |
| 12/03/2013  | The Chairman & Yip, Canberra, ACT, Australia | Foster a positive working relationship between members of the newly established Immigration Health Advisory Group and the former Detention Health Advisory Group | 443                  |
| <b>TOTAL ONSHORE OFFICIAL HOSPITALITY FOR JULY 2012 TO MARCH 2013</b>                 |  |  | <b>33 147</b>        |

**ATTACHMENT B - OFFSHORE OFFICIAL HOSPITALITY REGISTER (JULY 2012 TO MARCH 2013)**

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|-------------|---|--|------------|
| 4/07/2012   | Australian Permanent Mission, Geneva, Switzerland                 | Foster relationships with Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) prior to the Annual Tripartite Consultation on Resettlement (ATCR)   | 43         |
| 8/07/2012   | Club de la Plage ONU, Geneva, Switzerland                         | Australian delegation dinner to discuss resettlement issues with NGO stakeholders prior to ATCR consultations  | 549        |
| 9/07/2012   | Eurest Restaurant, ILO, Geneva, Switzerland                       | Hosted reception as the Chair of the ATCR for Working Group on Resettlement  | 3 433      |
| 11/07/2012  | Pauses Café, ILO, Geneva, Switzerland                             | As the Chair of the Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement/Working Group on Resettlement provided morning and afternoon tea for the duration of the ATCR  | 4 196      |
| 17/07/2012  | Woods Restaurant, Hotel Intercontinental, Geneva, Switzerland     | Discussion on United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Executive Committee consultation process   | 185        |
| 18/07/2012  | Café 9, Chambesy, Geneva, Switzerland                             | Stakeholder relationships with Norway representative on UNHCR consultations  | 81         |
| 26/07/2012  | Australian High Commission, Colombo, Sri Lanka                    | Enhance stakeholder engagement with key counterparts at other missions and embassies in relation to visa program fraud   | 74         |
| 30/07/2012  | Australian High Commission, New Delhi, India                      | Further strengthen the working relationships between the department and student visa service delivery partners   | 997        |
| 2/08/2012   | Café 9, Chambesy, Geneva, Switzerland                             | Discuss roles and responsibilities and establish intergovernmental consultations on migration, asylum, and refugees and the global forum on migration and development with new United States (US) colleagues | 122        |
| 20/08/2012  | Side Door Contemporary Kitchen, Ottawa, Canada                    | Reinforce linkages with Canadian Government and to further develop Five Country Conference (FCC) data sharing working group agenda   | 116        |
| 24/08/2012  | Dag H, Copenhagen, Denmark  | Fostering relationship with Danish Immigration Service   | 37         |
| 29/08/2012  | Restaurant Sagano, Geneva, Switzerland                            | Discuss Global Forum on Migration and Development roundtable and Labour Mobility Workshop  | 111        |
| 18/09/2012  | Vidalia Restaurant, Washington DC, USA                            | Discuss future liaison arrangements and data sharing projects with the Regional Director British Embassy   | 156        |
| 20/09/2012  | The Office of International Organisation for Migration, Sri Lanka | Discuss current Irregular Maritime Arrivals and reasons for funding Displaced Persons Program projects with NGOs and the International Organization for Migration (IOM)                                      | 29         |
| 28/09/2012  | Le Jardin, De Taimani, Kabul, Afghanistan                         | Meet with stakeholders from the IOM  | 328        |
| 30/09/2012  | Café du Soleil, Geneva, Switzerland                               | Meet with Australian cross-agency delegation members and NGO representatives to UNHCR Executive Committee meetings   | 479        |

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| 3/10/2012   | Kwamambo, Harare, Zimbabwe                                    | Maintaining relationship with the visa application centre in Harare   | 56         |
| 3/10/2012   | Vieux-Bois Restaurant, Geneva, Switzerland                    | Discussion on migration policy and cooperation with Australian delegation to UNHCR Executive Committee and IOM officials  | 385        |
| 12/10/2012  | Seolgaon, Jongrogu, Seoul, South Korea                        | Relationship building with Korean Immigration Service International Relations representatives   | 176        |
| 12/10/2012  | Café 9, Chambesy, Geneva, Switzerland                         | Roundtable discussion preparations for Global Forum on Migration and Development  | 252        |
| 15/10/2012  | Tabard Inn, 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 preparations for 2013 United Nations High Level Dialogue with Mexican representative  | 153        |
| 25/10/2012  | Siroc Restaurant, Washington DC, USA                          | Discuss legal issues to data sharing with US Department of State  | 87         |
| 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 with key Sri Lankan counterparts and introduce new Principal Migration Officer at a function   | 1 769      |
| 6/11/2012   | Australian Embassy, Moscow, Russian Federation                | Discuss latest trends in regular movements and document fraud with Moscow Immigration Control Alliance Members  | 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 with the Shanghai Municipal Government and commercial partners supporting tourism and education industries   | 701        |
| 22/11/2012  | Vientiane, LAO People's Democratic Republic                   | Hospitality provided to support the bilateral relationship between Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Commonwealth  | 399        |
| 28/11/2012  | RIS, Washington DC, USA                                       | Stakeholder engagement with US Department of Homeland Security, US Department of State, Canadian and New Zealand Embassy officials to build relationships regarding immigration and border security | 564        |
| 5/12/2012   | Australian Embassy, Washington DC, USA                        | Reception to thank US Government contacts for their assistance and to build further relationships   | 4 002      |
| 9/12/2012   | Taverna du Liban, Kabul, Afghanistan                          | Develop stronger relationships with key border control officials within the Afghan Border Police at Kabul airport   | 385        |
| 11/12/2012  | Café 9, Geneva, Switzerland                                   | Discuss United Nations High Level Dialogue with Canadian and US officials regarding migration post the 2015 development agenda  | 389        |



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| 11/12/2012  | Serena Hotel, Kabul, Afghanistan                    | Relationship building with Afghan Minister for Refugees and Repatriation in key policy areas   | 185        |
| 12/12/2012  | Perie du Lac, Geneva, Switzerland                   | Consultation with key academic stakeholder on strengthening migration research capacity  | 373        |
| 12/12/2012  | The Prime Rib, Washington DC, USA                   | Enhance relationships with Department of Homeland Security   | 253        |
| 12/12/2012  | ELIAS by Crisostomo, Manila, Philippines            | Develop business relationships with key service delivery partners and introduce incoming Chief Migration Officer   | 129        |
| 13/12/2012  | Le Relais De Chambesy, Geneva, Switzerland          | Discuss IOM engagement on expert panel implementation  | 120        |
| 16/12/2012  | Siroc Restaurant, 915 15th St NW Washington DC, USA | Enhance the relationship between White House officials managing border and national security issues  | 195        |
| 18/12/2012  | The Bayleaf, Colombo, Sri Lanka                     | Discussions of human rights for Sri Lankan returns with Sri Lankan agencies involved in this process   | 150        |
| 19/12/2012  | Lemon Café, Geneva, Switzerland                     | Discuss outcomes of Global Forum on Migration and Development Summit with Summit advisor   | 92         |
| 20/12/2012  | Australian High Commission, New Delhi, India        | Provide a thank you reception for host government and other key stakeholders for the support they have provided the department and to update them on key immigration initiatives for 2013  | 1 332      |
| 20/12/2012  | Colombo, Sri Lanka                                  | Provide small gift as token of appreciation of support and assistance with immigration policies to Sri Lankan government agencies  | 104        |
| 10/01/2013  | Ramat Gan, Tel-Aviv, Israel                         | Stakeholder relationships with Eritrean Ambassador to better progress family migration cases from Israel and third country nationals   | 161        |
| 14/01/2013  | Hong Kong, China                                    | Enhance working relationship with Hong King Immigration Department   | 103        |
| 16/01/2013  | Sagano, Geneva, Switzerland                         | Discuss Australia's position on UNHCR Bureau arrangements with Canadian representatives  | 131        |
| 16/01/2013  | El Cacique Picanteria, Tacna, Peru                  | Discuss training that had been delivered by immigration counterparts in Peru and provide networking opportunity to informally discuss immigration issues at the border post of Tacna, Peru | 95         |
| 17/01/2013  | Gabriel, Jerusalem, Israel                          | Foster relationships and discuss recent visa changes with members of the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs  | 268        |
| 24/01/2013  | Australian Consulate-General, Hong Kong, China      | Discuss and share information on current trends including irregular people movement with international immigration representatives from Hong Kong and Macau                                | 280        |
| 30/01/2013  | Duck De Chine, Beijing, China                       | Provide hospitality to recognise cooperation with progressing a  | 307        |

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|             |  | reciprocal arrangement between the department and the Chinese Consular Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs   |            |
| 5/02/2013   | Café Papon, Geneva, Switzerland                | Discuss resettlement priorities and upcoming working group with NGO resettlement representatives   | 370        |
| 17/02/2013  | Australian Consulate-General, Guangzhou, China | Maintain and build on the strong inter-agency relationship at the Guangzhou Australian Consulate-General   | 407        |
| 19/02/2013  | Colombo, Sri Lanka                             | Provide small gift as part of local customs to senior director of Sri Lanka Immigration to maintain good relationships   | 13         |
| 25/02/2013  | Hotel N'vY bar, Geneva                         | Provide farewell reception for departing Dutch colleagues and discuss handover to new immigration colleagues   | 262        |
| 26/02/2013  | Hyatt Hotel, Guangzhou, China                  | Strengthen business relationship with New Zealand Immigration representatives visiting Hong Kong   | 182        |
| 27/02/2013  | El Seniorio De Sulco, Lima, Peru               | Provide an opportunity to engage with Peru immigration officials to discuss issues facing each immigration agency and to build and strengthen relationships for further collaboration                                | 957        |
| 27/02/2013  | Salzkammer Restaurant, Frankfurt, Germany      | Exchange information and maintain relationships with the Anti-Fraud Group, which comprises German border control officers and FCC members  | 250        |
| 28/02/2013  | Raeti Cretian Tavern, Athens, Greece           | Host lunch with anti-fraud group and airport officers based in Athens to build relationships and obtain further information on trends of migration   | 82         |
| 1/03/2013   | Topaz Restaurant and Bar, Phnom Penh, Cambodia | Hold discussion on inter-country adoptions with UK, French and German Government officials   | 113        |
| 1/03/2013   | Sonoma Restaurant, Washington DC, USA          | Establish relationship with the staff of Congressman Trey, Chair of US Immigration Sub Committee, Congress and obtain information on content, process and likelihood of success of US Immigration Reform Legislation | 133        |
| 4/03/2013   | Topaz Restaurant and Bar, Phnom Penh, Cambodia | Host a dinner to thank Canadian document examination trainers for providing training   | 82         |
| 7/03/2013   | Café 9, Chambesy, Geneva, Switzerland          | Exchange US/Geneva perspectives on United Nations High Level Dialogue for migration and development with visiting US migration advisor   | 72         |
| 8/03/2013   | Restaurant Sagano, Geneva, Switzerland         | Engage key academic stakeholder from the Geneva Centre for Security Policy to discuss United Nations High Level Dialogue for migration and development   | 89         |

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|--|---|--|---------------|
| 19/03/2013   | Guangzhou Binsheng Restaurant,<br>Guangzhou, China          | Maintain and build relationships with Australian Consulate General agency colleagues in Guangzhou by providing an opportunity to introduce new agency representatives and meet with new Consul General | 511           |
| 21/03/2013   | Ciao Bella, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam                       | Networking with Ho Chi Minh City anti-fraud group to discuss emerging issues and caseloads   | 152           |
| 21/03/2013   | Grissini, Hong Kong, China                                  | Enhance working relationship with Hong King Immigration Department   | 319           |
| 26/03/2013   | Olive Beach Restaurant, Hotel Diplomat,<br>New Delhi, India | To build upon the official relationships with the Chief of Mission, UNHCR in relation to refugee caseload  | 36            |
| <b>TOTAL OFFSHORE OFFICIAL HOSPITALITY FOR JULY 2012 TO MARCH 2013</b> |   |  | <b>30 316</b> |

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