

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

**All Programs**

**Question No. 90**

**Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2010:**

- a) What is the Department's hospitality spend since Budget Estimates 2010? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
- b) For each Minister's office, please detail total hospitality spend FYTD. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

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

- a) The total cost of Departmental hospitality from 25 May 2010 to 18 October 2010 (inclusive) is \$39,989.89 and is detailed in the table below.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cost (excl GST)</b>
26/05/10	Gaborone Sun, Botswana	Official dinner for Africa Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition Workshop.	\$1,601.12
09/06/10	Ottoman Cuisine, Canberra	Official lunch for Indonesian Parliamentary Delegation to meet with Australian Members of Parliament responsible for the AML/CTF Act to discuss Australia's anti-money laundering policies and experiences.	\$1,280.91
10/06/10	Sofitel Wentworth, Sydney	Inaugural CEO Cyber Security Lunch	\$4,480.00
10/06/10	Mercure, Sydney Airport	Family Pathways Networks Forum Official Dinner	\$3,533.50
10/06/10	Portia's Place, Kingston	National Intercountry Adoption Advisory Group (NICAAG) Meeting Official Dinner	\$726.67
10/06/10	Parliament House, Members Dining Room, Canberra	Meeting/official lunch between Minister O'Connor and Indonesian Parliamentary Delegation on Australia's anti-money laundering policies.	\$630.68
21/06/10	Carlton Ambassador, The Hague	Hague Special Commission Meeting - Asia Pacific Dinner	\$1,129.73

22/06/10	Chairman and Yip, Canberra	Official lunch for Sri Lankan Prosecutors participating in the Professional Pairing Program. The prosecutors were placed with the Commonwealth Department of Public Prosecutions.	\$589.09
07/07/10	The Boat House by the Lake, Canberra	Official dinner for Thailand Extradition Treaty Negotiations.	\$1,253.64
09/07/10	Rubicon, Canberra	Official lunch for Sri Lankan Prosecutors participating in the Professional Pairing Program. The prosecutors were placed with the Attorney-General's Department.	\$324.55
14/07/10	Lismore Women's Resource Centre, 81 Woodlark Street, LISMORE NSW 2480	Funding announcement by the Minister for Home Affairs of three domestic violence projects funded under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (POCA) Funding.	\$199.65
20/07/10	National Convention Centre, Canberra	Reception - Family Law System Conference 2010	\$12,527.27
22/07/10	Augustine's on George, Brisbane	Dinner for CERT Australia team in Brisbane	\$640.46
11/08/10	On Red, Red Hill	Commonwealth Law Minister's Meeting – Official Lunch	\$195.45
17/08/10	Ottoman Cuisine, Barton	234th Administrative Review Council (ARC) Meeting - Official Lunch	\$3,034.09
30/08/10	Boat House by the Lake, Canberra	Official dinner with Ms Nohemi Zerbi, US Department of Homeland Security and members of the National Government Advisory Group on chemicals of security concern (NGAG).	\$3,677.76
14/09/10 - 17/09/10	AUSTRAC Level 7 Tower A Zenith Centre, 821 Pacific Highway CHATSWOOD NSW 2067	Financial Action Taskforce, International Cooperation Review Group (ICRG) Asia Pacific Regional Review Group	\$2,452.05
26/09/10	Belluci's, Dickson	Cyberstorm III official exercise dinner	\$1,713.27

b) For the period 1 July 2010 to 18 October 2010 (inclusive), the Minister for Home Affairs did not incur any ministerial hospitality expenditure.

For the period 1 July 2010 to 18 October 2010 (inclusive), ministerial hospitality expenditure for the Attorney-General has totalled \$370.91 (excluding GST) and is detailed in the table below.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cost (excl GST)</b>
22/09/10	Aubergine Restaurant, Canberra	Official dinner with NZ Minister of Justice and Customs and the Solicitor-General	\$320.00
05/10/10	Parliament House, Canberra	Farewell for Miles Jordana, departing Deputy Secretary, Attorney-General's Department	\$50.91