

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(425) Program: Internal Product

Senator Barnett asked:

- (1) What is the Department's hospitality spend since Budget Estimates 2010?
- (2) Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.

Answer:

- (1) The amount spent on Official Hospitality during the period 1 July to 30 September 2010 was \$14,520.32
- (2) On 1 July 2010, the department introduced a new reporting regime in order to capture more detailed information in relation to Official Hospitality expenditure. This report will be prepared on a quarterly basis and is compiled based on when spending proposals are approved.

The report for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 September 2010 is attached.

It is not possible to provide an itemised listing of expenditure prior to 1 July 2010 or after 30 September, as this would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.