

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0100) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Humphries (written) asked:

Portfolio wide - Hospitality and Entertainment: For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for 2011-12 and this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

Answer:

For the 2011-12 financial year, the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) expended \$3,752.24 on behalf of the Hon Chris Bowen, MP, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (Minister Bowen) for three functions, as detailed:

- \$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, DIAC 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.

For the 2012-13 financial year to date, DIAC expended \$8,926.30 on behalf of the Hon Chris Bowen, MP, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (Minister Bowen) for four functions, as detailed:

- \$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 is 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 Mission's 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.