

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0177) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this all events including any catering and drinks costs. b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from 7 September 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. c) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from 7 September 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from 7 September 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. e) 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. f) 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. g) 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. h) 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. i) 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) The department's official hospitality reporting process is completed on a quarterly basis. The department's official hospitality expenditure from 7 September 2013 to the end of the first quarter of the 2013–14 financial year ending 30 September 2013 was:

	Total from 7 September to 30 September 2013
Onshore – within Australia*	\$10 761
Offshore – outside Australia+	Nil
Total	\$10 761

Note: *Onshore - GST inclusive where applicable

+Offshore - includes all relevant taxes and charges

A full breakdown of expenditure for the period 7 September to 30 September 2013 is provided at [Attachment A Onshore Official Hospitality Register](#) in this response.

(b) The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) has expended \$236.50 for official hospitality on behalf of the Hon Scott Morrison MP, Minister for Immigration and Border Protection. Details are listed below.

\$236.50 was for a dinner hosted by Minister Morrison for Mr David Adeang, Nauru Minister for Justice and Major General (Rtd) Jim Molan AO DSC. The dinner was held to undertake high level discussions and build relationships. The dinner was held on 25 September 2013 at Ottoman Cuisine, Barton, ACT.

To date, there has been no funds expended for official hospitality on behalf of Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash MP, Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection.

(c) The department 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) Since 7 September 2013, the Department of Immigration and Border Protection has not expended any funds for the entertainment on behalf of the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection or the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection.

(e) The department expects that expenditure on official hospitality for 2013–14 will be consistent with 2012–13 expenditure and will be approximately \$100 000. Detailed information on planned official hospitality expenditure is not available.

(f) There is currently no hospitality spend currently being planned for either the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection or the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection.

(g) The department does not differentiate between hospitality and entertainment. Please refer to answer (e).

(h) There is currently no entertainment spend being planned for on behalf of the Minister and Immigration and Border Protection or the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection.

(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, the department will continue to focus on cost effective outcomes.

ATTACHMENT A - ONSHORE OFFICIAL HOSPITALITY REGISTER (7 SEPTEMBER 2013 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2013)

DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE	\$ (GST INCL)
15/09/2013	Canberra, ACT & Sydney, NSW	Hospitality for visiting delegation from United Arab Emirates (UAE)	10 385
17/09/2013	Belconnen, ACT, Canberra	Stakeholder relationships with Sri Lankan public officials.	140
30/09/2013	Darwin, Northern Territory	Official dinner for visiting officials from the Indian High Commission.	236
TOTAL ONSHORE OFFICIAL HOSPITALITY FOR JULY 2012 TO MARCH 2013			\$10 761

Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

For the 2012-13 financial year information up to 1 June 2013, please refer to QoN113 from Budget Estimates.

(a) ACBPS hospitality spend from 1 June 2013 to 19 November 2013

Date of event	Location	Cost (GST Ex \$)	Purpose
17-18 June 2013	Beijing - China	2,020.94	Precursor Chemical Workshop hosted with China's National Narcotics Control Commission
24 June 2013	Colombo - Sri Lanka	1,517.88	Intelligence Fundamentals Training Program
15 July 2013	ACT	1,357.28	Australian Customs and Border Protection Service National Consultative Committee meeting
25 July 2013	NSW	1,236.36	Marine Tactical Officer Graduation Dinner
31 July 2013	Jakarta - Indonesia	1,614.53	Meeting with officials from the Indonesian Maritime Security Coordination Board, Indonesian Search and Rescue Agency and Indonesian Sea and Coast Guard Unit
19 August 2013	ACT	1,199.55	Reform Taskforce meeting
9 September 2013	NSW	1,024.10	Meeting with United States Department of Homeland Security
9 September 2013	ACT	1,144.51	Meeting with officials from United States Coast Guard
19 September 2013	NSW	1,206.01	Marine Tactical Officer Graduation Dinner
8 October 2013	ACT	1,112.73	Reform Taskforce meeting
17 October 2013	ACT	1,603.64	Pacific Customs Management Program Official Dinner
24 October 2013	NSW	2,200.00	13th Indonesia-Australia Customs-to-Customs Meeting
13-14 November 2013	ACT	2,157.73	People Smuggling Senior Advisory Group meeting with overseas officials
19 November 2013	ACT	1,188.50	Border Five Targeting Workshop Official Dinner
Total		20,583.76	

Note:

In addition to the total amount shown in part (a), there was hospitality and entertainment of \$10,283.81 (GST exclusive), where the Service expended less than \$1,000 on each occasion. The table below outlines the categories of hospitality and entertainment expenditure that was less than \$1,000 (GST exclusive) on each occasion.

General Expenditure (<\$1,000 in value per event)	
Purpose	Total Cost ex-GST(\$)
Hosting visiting officials and dignitaries from overseas	5,312.32
Hospitality associated with Agency stakeholders	2,203.75
Events relating to the progress or promotion of the Agency's business	594.06
Hospitality at functions for staff in recognition of significant events and achievements	2,173.68
	10,283.81

b) Nil hospitality expenditure.

c) The Service's total expenditure on hospitality and entertainment for the period 7 September 2013 to 19 November 2013 was \$18,117.83 (GST exclusive) and is incorporated in the answer to part a) above.

d) Nil entertainment expenditure.

e) There are no specific plans in place for hospitality or entertainment.

f) N/A

g) See answer to part e).

h) N/A

i) All hospitality and entertainment expenditure is carefully considered in a context of appropriateness and fiscal responsibility.