

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(SE13/0283) PROGRAM – Internal Product**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What is the arrangement for expenditure by the Minister or his office on hospitality?

*Answer:*

Should funds require to be expended by the department for official hospitality on behalf of the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection or the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, approval must first be granted by the appropriate departmental financial delegate.

In order for approval to be granted, the Minister's office must provide specific details around the reason for the expenditure, including the date, purpose, attendees, location and cost. If the function is determined to fall under the department's official hospitality guidelines, approval will be granted.