

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1610**  
**Asked on 28 October 2009**

MR STEVENS asked the Premier and Minister for the Arts (MS BLIGH) -

QUESTION:

Will the Premier detail the number of government funded functions held at Parliament House and the cost for each of these functions over the last two financial years?

ANSWER:

During 2007-08 and 2008-09, the Department of the Premier and Cabinet paid for 99 departmental functions held at Parliament House at a cost of \$498,835.50 (GST inclusive). The details of these departmental functions are attached.

My department funds official functions at Parliament House to:-

- honour foreign dignitaries so as to increase their awareness of Queensland and to maintain and strengthen political, diplomatic, economic and cultural ties;
- recognise through official receptions for senior business and community representatives, the contributions and special achievements they have made to Queensland; and
- raise the awareness of charitable and non government organisations and to assist such organisations with their worthy causes.

As the seat of representative democracy in Queensland, Parliament House provides the ideal venue to host official functions and to encourage an open, accessible Parliament to the community. Parliament House is also a cost effective venue for such functions.

Function Name	GST Incl
DUBAI SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT RECEPTION 13 JULY 2007	2,526.51
ENDEAVOUR AUSTRALIA CHEUNG KONG SCHOLARSHIP - MORNING TEA	1,440.00
NIPPON STEEL - MORNING TEA	232.00
DPC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2007	8,860.00
STATE LUNCHEON FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF SICILY 2 AUGUST 2007	7,647.79
EXPORT CONNECTIONS MEETING 7 AUGUST 2007	263.50
CRECHE & KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND RECEPTION 20 AUGUST 2007	6,839.70
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS CADETS AFTERNOON TEA	82.50
WORLD YOUTH DAY JOURNEY OF THE CROSS & ICON RECEPTION	5,400.00
STATE LUNCHEON FOR GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL JAVA 13 SEPTEMBER 2007	3,682.00
KOREAN MARINE DEVELOPMENT WELCOME RECEPTION 30 AUGUST 2007	5,160.00
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING INDUSTRY SHOWCASE 2007	7,095.00
PREMIER'S BUSINESS RECEPTION 5 SEPTEMBER 2007	30,390.40
RUSSIA AUSTRALIA BUSINESS FORUM LUNCH	19,020.80
RUSSIA WEEK - MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEA	6,375.00
US CONSUL-GENERAL LUNCH	1,030.00
RECEPTION FOR THE INDIAN COMMUNITY 8 OCTOBER 2007	12,087.70
HEADS OF CHURCHES LUNCHEON 10 OCTOBER 2007	606.20
QUEENSLAND ASPECTS LUNCHEON 16 OCTOBER 2007	2,268.00
CHIEF EXECUTIVE WOMENS LUNCH 18 OCTOBER 2007	1,122.41
SOUTH CAROLINA DELEGATION LUNCHEON 23 OCTOBER 2007	9,125.39
EXPORT CONNECTIONS MEETING 26 OCTOBER 2007	747.00
HIGH COMMISSIONER OF PAKISTAN LUNCHEON 30 OCTOBER 2007 .	922.00
ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE MEETING 31 OCTOBER 2007	825.61
QUEENSLAND EDUCATION AND TRAINING INTERNATIONAL GRANTS PROGRAM - MINISTERS BREAKFAST	192.01
100+ CLUB LUNCH 13 NOVEMBER 2007	3,991.00
NORTH-RHINE WESTPHALIA RECEPTION	5,299.50
CHINESE NEW YEAR RECEPTION	19,234.20
CHINESE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES COMMITTEE ROUND TABLE PRESENTATION AND MEETING	235.20
CAPE YORK TENURE RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTATION GROUP MEETING 27 FEBRUARY 2008	250.00
GOVERNOR OF TUSCANY REGION MEETING	44.00
AMBASSADOR OF HUNGARY LUNCHEON	1,088.00
Q150 COMMUNITY FUNDING SHOWCASE	717.50
WOMEN IN BUSINESS RECEPTION	7,653.81
CHINESE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES MEETING	23.52
CABINET SERVICES BUSINESS PLANNING DAY	657.60
2020 QUEENSLAND SUMMIT	6,600.01
PREMIER'S BUSINESS RECEPTION 16 APRIL 2008	12,966.70
ALGERIAN LUNCHEON	995.70
BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE BREAKFAST	397.50
KOREAN LUNCHEON	7,607.61
AUSTRIAN LUNCHEON	896.20

CEO FORUM	602.00
DUTCH AMBASSADOR MEETING 8 MAY 2008	18.60
10TH WORLD CONGRESS ON ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH 12 MAY 2008	13,977.40
PREMIER'S SMALL BUSINESS NETWORK RECEPTION 13 MAY 2008	9,677.20
2020 FOLLOW UP LUNCHEON 14 MAY 2008	3,480.00
AMBASSADOR OF CHINA LUNCHEON 19 MAY 2008	1,352.40
RECONCILIATION AWARDS CEREMONY 2008	11,616.80
QUEENSLAND WEEK CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY 2008	5,402.00
CAPE YORK TENURE RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTATION GROUP 6 JUNE 2008	176.00
FOI MEDIA FUNCTION 10 JUNE 2008	566.50
SUNCORP QUEENSLANDER OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2008	7,976.00
AMBASSADOR OF JAPAN LUNCHEON	1,098.21
QLD ROARS AGAINST RACISM	5,750.00
AUSTRALASIAN PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL COMMITTEE'S IT FORUM 21 and 22 JULY 2008	4,974.00
5th AUSTRALASIAN DRAFTING CONFERENCE 25 and 28 JULY 2008	10,768.01
SWEARING-IN OF THE GOVERNOR	65,875.54
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR INDIA LUNCHEON	1,274.21
PREMIER'S RIGHT TO INFORMATION BRIEFING	517.00
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR UGANDA LUNCHEON	1,032.01
PREMIER'S MUSICIAN LUNCH	458.11
YEAR OF THE SCOUT RECEPTION	6,623.69
CATERING COSTS AFRICAN COMMUNITY RECEPTION	8,539.11
AMBASSADOR OF CZECH REPUBLIC LUNCHEON	738.20
OLYMPIC ATHLETES RECEPTION 19 SEPTEMBER 2008	10,133.50
ISLAM COMMUNITY RECEPTION 8 OCTOBER 2008	9,250.00
QLD ASPECTS AWARDS 9 OCTOBER 2008	2,550.01
EX PRISONER OF WAR RECEPTION 15 OCTOBER 2008	3,753.40
THE REEF SUMMIT 2008	5,004.80
NIGERIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER LUNCHEON 4 NOVEMBER 2008	1,497.20
DPC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2008	7,380.00
CHINESE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (China) LUNCHEON	242.00
GERMAN AMBASSADOR LUNCHEON 12 NOVEMBER 2008	1,136.20
ANZAC DAY AGM COMMITTEE MEETING 13 NOVEMBER 2008	956.21
ENDEAVOUR AUSTRALIA CHEUNG KONG SCHOLARSHIP AFTERNOON TEA	1,344.00
100+CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 19 NOVEMBER 2008	3,974.60
INDIAN COMMUNITY RECEPTION 26 NOVEMBER 2008	11,557.71
PROFESSOR LU YONGXIANG AFTERNOON TEA	908.40
AUSTRALIA RED CROSS RECEPTION	12,383.00
SRI LANKAN HIGH COMMISSION LUNCHEON 2 DECEMBER 2008	859.20
REPUBLIC OF KOREA COFFEE MEETING 4 DECEMBER 2008	28.50
QUEENSLAND CONSULAR CORPS BRIEFING	1,234.30
RIGHT TO INFORMATION LAUNCH	515.00
CHINESE NEW YEAR RECEPTION 10 FEBRUARY 2009	24,420.99
ORDER OF AUSTRALIA RECEPTION 19 FEBRUARY 2009	9,250.50
SMITHSONIAN AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT FUNCTION 25 FEBRUARY 2009	5,040.00
AMBASSADOR OF CUBA LUNCH 24 FEBRUARY 2009	1,189.90
LUNCH AMBASSADOR OF MONGOLIA 5 MARCH 2009	1,044.00
MINISTER OF COLOMBIA RECEPTION 12 MARCH 2009	3,846.00
LUNCH HIGH COMMISSIONER OF BANGLADESH 18 MARCH 2009	1,343.00
LUNCH SOUTH AFRICAN HIGH COMMISSION 8 APRIL 2009	1,129.01
LUNCH TONGA HIGH COMMISSIONER 15 APRIL 2009	1,293.00

LUNCH AMBASSADOR OF SPAIN 28 APRIL 2009	1,097.50
RECEPTION FOR PRIME MINISTER OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA 30 APRIL 2009	5,675.00
LUNCH AMBASSADOR OF SWEDEN 12 MAY 2009	1,197.00
LUNCH HIGH COMMISSIONER SINGAPORE 19 MAY 2009	960.00
LUNCH AMBASSADOR OF ITALY 28 MAY 2009	858.00
CAPE YORK TENURE RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTATION GROUP MEETING 10 JUNE 2009	691.01
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>498,835.50</b>