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[ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES A AND B SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION — Thursday, 26 May 2016]

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Mr Ben Wyatt

Division 1: Parliament —

[Supplementary Information No A1.]

Question: Mr B.S. Wyatt asked for a list of all functions held in the Parliamentary Library since it opened as a function space.

Answer: The new function/event space in the Parliamentary Library was opened on 15 February 2016. There have been six events held since that time. The event format/style was: 3 x morning tea, 1 x afternoon tea, 1 x seminar theatre style and 1 x reception. See table below:

Date	Time	Host	Approx. attendees	Type/nature
17 Feb 2016	10am – 11am	MLC	75	Morning tea
17 Feb 2016	3pm – 4pm	MLA	30	Afternoon tea
23 March 2016	10am – 11.30am	Presiding Officers	40	Morning tea
24 March 2016	10am – 11.30am	MLC	30	Morning tea
10 May 2016	5.30pm – 8pm	MLA and MLC	58	Reception
11 May 2016	7.15pm – 8.15pm	Presiding Officers	40	Seminar

[Supplementary Information No A2.]

Question: Mr B.S. Wyatt asked for a list of functions the Speaker has held and who he has entertained over the past financial year.

Answer: See table below:

Speaker's Official Functions: July 2015 – May 2016			
Date	Occasion	Expenditure	Nature
2015			
July 14	Morning tea: 3 persons	Nil	Call on the Presiding Officers by the High Commissioner for Singapore, His Excellency Mr Burhan Gafoor
July 27	Afternoon tea: 3 persons	\$12.00	Call on the Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly by His Excellency Mr Abdolhossein Vahaji, Ambassador of Iran Mr Speaker was unavailable to receive this Call
September 17	Luncheon: 9 persons	\$180.00	Filipino Association Executive Committee
September 21	Luncheon: 18 persons	\$905.70	Delegation, Gyeongsangbuk do Provincial Council Members invited: Mr Ian Blayney MLA Mr Shane Love MLA Mr John McGrath MLA Mr Paul Miles MLA Mr Mick Murray MLA Mr Peter Watson MLA
September 22	Luncheon: 9 persons	\$225.00	Working lunch with the Acting Speakers Members invited: Ms Lisa Baker MLA

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			Ms Wendy Duncan MLA Ms Janine Freeman MLA Mr Ian Britza MLA Mr Nathan Morton MLA Mr Peter Abetz MLA
September 23	Luncheon: 10 persons	\$281.10	Visiting Ambassador of Azerbaijan, His Excellency Rovshan Tamshidov Members invited: Hon Nicholas Goiran MLC
September 24	Luncheon: 9 persons	\$203.90	Committee Members of the Royal Commonwealth Society of WA Branch Council
October 13	Briefing: 40 persons	\$290.00	Briefing: Safety in the Wheatbelt [presented by the RAC] Presiding Officers co-hosted and shared costs. Members invited: The RAC issued invitations to all Members of Parliament
October 27	Morning tea: 4 persons	\$30.00	Call on the Deputy Speaker: First Official Visit to Western Australia by Her Excellency Ms Naela Chohan, High Commissioner for Pakistan Mr Speaker was unavailable to receive this Call
November 26	Morning tea: 7 persons	\$45.50	Family members of Former Speaker, Hon Ian Thompson MLA
December 4	Afternoon tea: 15 persons	\$315.00	Visiting Culinary Delegation from Arava, Israel Co-Hosted by Presiding Officers. Members invited: Hon Kate Doust MLC
December 7	Morning tea: 35 persons	\$172.00	Chanukah Morning Tea Members invited: Hon Peter Katsambanis MLC Mr Ian Britza MLA Hon Liz Behjat MLC Mr Peter Abetz MLA
December 7	Luncheon: 10 persons	\$230.70	Former Speakers' Christmas Luncheon
December 9	Luncheon: 30 persons	\$2,876.00	Legislative Assembly Staff Christmas Luncheon
December 9	Dinner: 90 persons	\$2,137.50	WA Former Parliamentary Members Association Christmas Dinner Presiding Officers are joint patrons of the Association and meal costs are shared between the Presiding Officers.
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February 11	Luncheon: 20 persons	\$648.50	Visiting European Delegation Presiding Officers co-hosted and shared costs. Members invited: Dr Antonio Buti MLA Ms Wendy Duncan MLA Mr Francis Logan MLA Mr Francisco Alban MLA The President's Office issued invitations to selected MLCs
February 18	Morning tea: 4 persons	nil	Call on the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly by the departing Chinese Consul General, Dr Huang Quinguo
February 29	Morning tea: 15 persons	\$165.00	Visiting Delegation from Germany Members invited: Mr Jan Norberger MLA Mr Peter Abetz MLA
March 22	Luncheon: 6 persons	\$84.00	Working lunch for Acting Speakers Members invited: Ms Lisa Baker MLA Ms Wendy Duncan MLA Ms Janine Freeman MLA Mr Ian Britza MLA Mr Nathan Morton MLA Mr Abetz MLA
March 23	Morning tea: 40 persons	\$210.00	Launch of the Parliament House Bee Program Presiding Officers co-hosted and shared costs. Members invited: Hon Alyssa Hayden MLC Hon Jim Chown MLC Hon Liz Behjat MLC Hon Stephen Dawson MLC Hon Martin Pritchard MLC Ms Margaret Quirk MLA Hon Fran Logan MLA Mr John McGrath MLA Mr Peter Tinley MLA Ms Eleni Evangel MLA Mr Mick Murray MLA Hon Ken Baston MLC
April 5	Afternoon tea: 8 persons	\$60.00	Visiting Delegation from the Gauteng Province Presiding Officers co-hosted and shared costs. Mr Speaker did not attend; was represented by the Deputy Speaker
April 7	Luncheon:	\$200.00	Visiting Parliamentary Executives

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	8 persons		(Inclusive of Federal and State Parliaments, NZ Parliament and members of WA Parliamentary Executive) Presiding Officers co-hosted and shared costs.
April 13	Morning tea: 7 persons	\$56.00	Call on the Presiding Officers by the Ambassador of Japan His Excellency Mr Sumio Kusaka
April 27	Afternoon tea: 4 persons	\$16.00	Call on the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly by the newly appointed Consul General of China, Mr Lei Kezhong
May 3	Morning tea: 4 persons	nil	Call on Presiding Officers of Parliament by the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates, His Excellency Dr Obaid Al Hairi Salem Al Ketbi
May 4	Luncheon: 7 persons	\$140.00	Former employees (during the 1930s – 1940s) of WA Parliament and family
May 11	Dinner catering: 40 persons	\$500.00	Briefing on US Elections by the US Consul General, Ms Cynthia Griffith and Mr Joe James Presiding Officers co-hosted and shared costs. Members invited: All Members of Parliament All Parliamentary staff Some electorate staff also attended
May 19	Luncheon: 8 persons	\$200.00	WA Former Parliamentary Members' Association Committee Executive Presiding Officers co-hosted and shared costs.