

## AER staff gifts & hospitality register

In the course of their duties AER staff have accepted the following gifts, hospitality and benefits from 1 July to 31 December 2023.

Date	Organisation	Description	Estimated Total Value
27 Nov 23	Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC)	Six AER staff members were provided with lunch and afternoon tea during a half day meeting with the AEMC.	\$300
15 Nov 23	Quest Events	An AER staff member was provided with a complimentary afternoon pass to accompany an AER board member who presented at the Energy Retail Excellence Conference hosted by Quest Events. Refreshments were provided as part of the event.	\$850
25 Oct 23	Ernst and Young and Partnerships for Infrastructure (acting as an agent for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)  Electricity Regulator Authority of Vietnam (ERAV)  Government of Laos	Two AER staff members attended an information sharing workshop with the ERAV, hosted by Ernst and Young and Partnerships for Infrastructure. As part of the workshop, dinner was provided.  Two AER staff members were gifted a tie and cufflinks from the ERAV for speaking at the workshop on <i>Australia's Energy Transition</i> .  An AER staff member was gifted a metal chime bell and metal souvenir plate as a thank you from the Government of Laos for AER's participation in the information sharing workshops. The gifts were placed on display in the AER Melbourne office.	\$100 (hospitality) \$200 (gifts)

18 Oct 23	Ernst and Young	An AER staff member attended an Electric Vehicle roundtable hosted by Ernst and Young. As part of the event, breakfast was provided.	\$50
8 Sep 23	Jemena Gas Networks (JGN)	Eleven AER staff members attended an all-day site tour of key assets on JGN's gas network. The purpose of the tour was to see first-hand parts of the energy system that the AER regulates and provide an introduction to gas distribution networks for new staff. As part of the tour, staff were provided with lunch and bus transport to sites.	\$330
5 Sep 23	Energy Australia	Three AER staff members attended an Australian Energy Council working group hosted by Energy Australia to provide a presentation on the Default Market Offer. Lunch was provided as part of the event.	\$90
31 Jul 23	Connect Media	Two AER staff members attended Connect Media's Transition Summit and received refreshments as part of the event. The tickets were provided to the AER Chair, who was invited as a speaker, but was unable to attend the event.	\$2,000
25 Jul 23	Gilbert and Tobin	An AER staff member spoke at a dinner hosted by Gilbert and Tobin on the <i>Australian Energy Transition</i> and was gifted a bottle of gin following the presentation. The gift was donated to the AER Social Club.	\$120 (hospitality) \$60 (gift)
Ongoing from Feb 2023	Qantas Airways Ltd	The AER's CEO was provided with access to the Qantas Chairman's Lounge.	Unknown
Ongoing from Dec 2021 (prior to joining ACCC/AER)	Qantas Airways Ltd	The AER's General Counsel was provided with access to the Qantas Chairman's Lounge.	Unknown
1 Jul – 31 Dec 23	Qantas Airways Ltd and Virgin Australia Airlines Pty Ltd	AER staff members were provided complimentary lounge memberships and/or lounge access because of the frequency of their AER work-related travel.	Unknown