

Gifts & hospitality register

In the course of their duties, the AER staff have accepted the following gifts, hospitality and benefits from 1 January to 30 June 2024.

Date	Organisation	Description	Estimated total value
23 February 2024	Santos	Four AER staff members attended a mediation at the Santos headquarters in Sydney. A light lunch was provided to all attendees.	\$100
13 March 2024	3 rd View Consulting	An AER staff member was provided with a ticket to attend the Business South Bank Annual Leadership Breakfast as a guest of 3 rd View Consulting who had purchased a table.	\$97
19-21 March 2024	Energy Networks Australia (ENA)	An AER staff member spoke at the ENA Conference as a panel member addressing <i>Regulation enabling the transition</i> . For participating as a panel member, complementary entry was provided to the Conference and to the Penfolds Magill Estate Winery Chairman's Dinner.	\$3,020 (conference) \$250 (dinner)
4 April 2024	Energy Queensland	The AER's CEO attended the Energy Queensland Regulatory and Investment Committee meeting hosted by the Company Secretary of Energy Queensland. Lunch was provided at the venue.	\$50
4 June 2024	Google Nest and Sidewalk Infrastructure Partners	An AER staff member attended the Unlocking the power of residential virtual power plant (VPP) Summit held at Google Headquarters, California which covered topics and speakers who work in energy. The staff member attended with the AER Chair who was invited by Audrey Zibelman. As part of the event, lunch and a post-event cocktail reception was provided on site, and a gift of a small solar powered battery pack was provided to all attendees. The gift was provided to the AER IT team for use by travelling staff.	\$50 (gift) \$75 (food)
6 June 2024	Pacific Gas & Electricity Company (PG&E)	An AER staff member attended a meeting at the PG&E Offices in Oakland California with the AER Chair. A light lunch was provided during the meeting.	\$40
10 June 2024	Energy Queensland	Four AER staff attended a community battery briefing and site visit hosted by Energy Queensland. A light lunch was provided.	\$160

13-15 June 2024	Energy Innovation Policy and Technology LLC	An AER staff member attended the International Regulatory Futures Forum (IRFF) conference at the Columbia University with the AER Chair. As part of the event, attendees were provided with welcome drinks on day 1, morning tea, lunch and dinner on day 2 and morning tea on day 3.	\$250
23 June 2024	Sparke Helmore	The AER's General Counsel attended the Sparke Helmore Commonwealth Executive Forum - Advising Government in the age of Artificial Intelligence. As part of the event, they were provided with lunch and refreshments.	\$100
Ongoing (from Feb 2023)	Qantas Airways Ltd	The AER's CEO received Qantas Chairman's Lounge membership.	Unknown
Ongoing (from Nov 2021 prior to joining ACCC/AER)	Qantas Airways Ltd	The AER's General Counsel received Qantas Chairman's lounge membership.	Unknown
1 January 2024 – 30 June 2024	Qantas Airways Ltd Virgin Australia Airlines Pty Ltd	Some AER staff members were provided with or retained complementary lounge memberships and/or lounge access because of the frequency of their AER work-related travel.	Unknown