

Gifts and hospitality register

In the course of their duties, AER staff have accepted the following gifts, hospitality and benefits from 1 April to 30 June 2026.

Date	Organisation	Description	Estimated total value
21 April 2026	APA Group	Three AER staff attended as observers to a workshop run by the APA Group. As part of the workshop, light refreshment and lunch were served.	\$75
20-24 April 2026	Energy Regulatory Commission of Thailand, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and The Asia Foundation	Two AER staff participated in regulatory engagement activities in Thailand and Laos. Benefits received included decorative textiles and an umbrella from the Energy Regulatory Commission of Thailand, and meals funded by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and The Asia Foundation during discussions on energy regulation and electricity law reform. The decorative textiles were too large to be transported to the AER office for display but Department of Foreign Affairs staff in Thailand agreed to send it to the AER at later date. The umbrella is on display at the AER office.	\$280
23 April 2026	Singapore International Energy Week, SIEWConnects@Sydney forum	An AER staff member attended the energy forum, where refreshments were served. The staff member also received tea, scarf and two enamel pins. Teas were donated to the agency kitchen, and other times are on display in the office.	\$60
12 May 2026	Victorian Bar	An AER staff member attended a seminar discussing key changes in the Legal Services Directions 2025. The seminar was followed by a networking event with Commonwealth briefing entities (including OLSC, AGS, ASIC, ACCC). As part of the networking event refreshments were served.	\$50
12 June 2026	Bevington Change Network and Argon & Co	An AER staff member attended the Sydney Change Network / Argon Connect Uncertainty, AI and Financial Returns event. As part of the event refreshments were served.	\$30
16 June 2026	Electricity Authority of Vietnam	Four AER staff attended a memorandum of understanding signing event in Hanoi, Vietnam. As part of the event, lunch was served.	\$160

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Ongoing	Qantas Airways	One AER staff member retained a Qantas Chairman's Lounge membership.	Not applicable
Ongoing	Virgin Australia	One AER staff member retained Virgin Australia Beyond membership.	Not applicable
Ongoing	Qantas Airways Virgin Australia	Some AER staff members were provided with or retained complimentary lounge membership and/or lounge access due to the frequency of their AER work-related travel.	Not applicable