



Engagement, gifts & hospitality register

In the course of their duties ACCC Commissioners have accepted the following gifts, hospitality and benefits from 1 August 2019 to 2 January 2020.

Date	Organisation	Description	Value
3 August 2019	Law Council of Australia	Commissioner Court, at the invitation of the Law Council of Australia, presented on a panel at the annual Corporations Law Committee Workshop at the Novotel in the Barossa Valley on the topic 'Law and morality – regulating and litigating “unconscionability”'. Catering was provided.	N/A
21 August 2019	Australian Seed Federation	Deputy Chair Keogh, at the invitation of the Australian Seed Federation, was plenary speaker at the Australian Seed Federation 2019 Conference at Oaks Elan Darwin. Deputy Chair Keogh was gifted a bottle of wine and an Australian Seed Federation embroidered towel, hat, tote bag and beach ball in appreciation. The gifts were donated to the ACCC social club.	< \$50
21 August 2019	Ernst & Young	Commissioner Cifuentes, at the invitation of Ernst & Young, attended a roundtable discussion at the Sydney Financial Forum (SFF) where the keynote speaker was John Fraser, former Treasury Secretary and RBA board member. The SFF is a not for profit organisation for dialogue and exchange between academics, industry and government participants on a range of issues affecting Australia's financial services industry. Matters discussed included macro-economic outlook and policy, governance issues post Hayne Royal Commission and the need for greater competition in the financial sector. Lunch was provided at the meeting at Ernst & Young's Sydney office.	N/A
29 August 2019	Consumer Affairs Australia & New	Deputy Chair Rickard, at the invitation of the Legislative and	N/A

	Zealand (CAANZ) and Consumer Affairs Forum (CAF)	Governance Forum on Consumer Affairs, attended a delegates dinner at Botswana Butchery, Queenstown, New Zealand as a guest following the formal CAANZ/CAF meetings.	
29 August 2019	Council of Small Business Organisations Australia (COSBOA)	Deputy Chair Keogh, at the invitation of COSBOA, was a panellist at the COSBOA National Small Business Summit. He was a panellist for the session 'The importance of industry associations' with Bruce Bilson (independent NED at the Australian Property Institute) and Sarah Danckert (business reporter at Fairfax Media). Lunch was provided at the venue, Sofitel Melbourne on Collins.	N/A
30-31 August 2019	Law Council of Australia	Commissioner Court, at the invitation of the Law Council of Australia, attended the Competition and Consumer Committee Workshop at the Park Hyatt in Melbourne. Commissioner Court was a speaker on the panel 'Consumer law – development of new norms in relation to unfair contracts and unsafe goods'. Catering was provided. As an invited speaker, Commissioner Court also attended the workshop dinner at Vue de monde restaurant.	N/A
11 September 2019	Australian Communications Consumer Action Network (ACCAN)	Deputy Chair Rickard, at the invitation of ACCAN, participated in a panel on telecommunications regulation. The session was part of the ACCAN National Conference at Aerial UTS Function Centre, Sydney. Catering was provided.	N/A
13 September 2019	Members Health Fund Alliance	Commissioner Court, at the invitation of the Members Health Fund Alliance, presented to CEOs and senior officers of various health funds at a boardroom lunch meeting at the Sofitel Sydney Wentworth. The presentation focused on the ACCC's work on private health insurance issues.	N/A
16 September 2019	Flagstaff Partners	Commissioner Ridgeway, at the invitation of Flagstaff Partners, was provided with the opportunity to outline the ACCC's current thinking. Topics discussed included mergers and energy regulation. Lunch was provided at the Flagstaff Partners office in Melbourne.	N/A
20 September 2019	Australian Banking Association (ABA)	Commissioner Court, at the invitation of the ABA, presented to ABA members in Sydney about the ACCC's work in the banking sector, including the implementation of the Consumer Data Right	N/A

and the ACCC's residential mortgage products price inquiry. Catering was provided.

1 October 2019	Health Products Regulation Group, Department of Health	Commissioner Court, at the invitation of the Health Products Regulation Group, presented on a panel for a 'town hall' discussion at the Therapeutic Goods Administration in Canberra. The discussions focused on managing and engaging with risk. Catering was provided.	N/A
9 October 2019	Committee for Economic Development of Australia (CEDA)	Chair Sims, at the invitation of CEDA, participated in a lunchtime boardroom discussion about safeguarding the Australian media. Catering was provided as part of the event at the Hyatt Regency Perth.	N/A
15 October 2019	Competition Law and Economics Network	Commissioner Court and Commissioner Ridgeway, at the invitation of the Competition Law and Economics Network, attended the 10th Annual Baxt Lecture on 'Competition law and 'big data': what does it mean for data to be "big"?' at the University of Melbourne. Commissioner Court participated in a panel discussion focusing on current developments in implementation of the Consumer Data Right. Catering was provided. Commissioner Ridgeway attended a dinner following the lecture held at Woodward Conference Centre at Melbourne Law School in Melbourne. Catering was provided.	N/A
28 October 2019	<i>The Sydney Morning Herald</i>	Chair Sims, at the invitation of <i>The Sydney Morning Herald</i> , participated in an interview with economics correspondent Jessica Irvine in which the Chair's background and career were discussed. <i>The Sydney Morning Herald</i> paid for lunch at Intermezzo in Sydney.	\$60
31 October 2019	Australian British Chamber of Commerce	Chair Sims, at the invitation of the Australian British Chamber of Commerce, participated in a lunchtime boardroom discussion about what is coming up in competition and consumer protection over the next few years. Catering was provided as part of the event at Allen & Overy in Sydney.	N/A
4-7 November 2019	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	Commissioner Cifuentes, at the invitation of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), attended the	N/A

Network of Economic Regulators (NER) as Australia's delegate to the OECD'S NER. Commissioner Cifuentes spoke on the topics data collection, processing and publication at a seminar held at the Paris Dauphine-PSL University co-organised with the OECD-NER. As an invited speaker and as part of the NER Bureau, the NER planning committee held a cocktail afternoon at the Espresso Café and dinner at the Aéro- Club de France on 5 November in Paris, France

12–13 November 2019	Community of Practice for Competition and Economic Regulations Regulators' Tea (COPCOMER)	<p>Deputy Chair Rickard, at the invitation of the Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore (CCCS), delivered a keynote address at the Community of Practice for Competition and Economic Regulations Regulators' Tea (COPCOMER) where topics discussed included the ACCC's digital platforms inquiry and the interplay between competition, consumer protection and data privacy issues arising from the growth of digital platforms. This was held at Maxwell Chambers, Singapore.</p> <p>As part of this conference, Deputy Chair Rickard attended a lunch on 12 November hosted by CCCS at Racines restaurant, Singapore.</p> <p>She also attended a breakfast on 13 November at which she presented to CCCS officers on the ACCC and its consumer protection role. The breakfast was hosted at the Marmalade Pantry, Hotel Downtown, Singapore.</p> <p>As an invited speaker, Deputy Chair Rickard's flights, accommodation and catering were covered by COPCOMER.</p> <p>Deputy Chair Rickard, as a thank you gift for her speaking obligations at the conference, was gifted a small blue and white plate and document holder which has been donated to the ACCC social club.</p>	<p>Flights AUD\$3172.21</p> <p>Accommodation SGD\$535.50</p> <p>Catering N/A</p> <p>Gift SGD\$36</p>
15 November 2019	FST Media	<p>Commissioner Court, at the invitation of FST Media, delivered a keynote presentation on 'Consumer Data Right: the value of data in consumers' hands' at the Future of Financial Services Conference. Commissioner Court also participated in a panel on open banking. Catering was provided.</p>	N/A

19 November 2019	Kidsafe Victoria	Deputy Chair Rickard, at the invitation of Kidsafe Victoria, attended Kidsafe Vic's 40th Anniversary Celebration Breakfast at the Hotel Windsor in Melbourne. Catering was provided.	N/A
21 November 2019	New Zealand Competition Commission (NZCC)	Commissioner Cifuentes attended a working lunch with NZCC at the offices of the Commerce Commission New Zealand to discuss regulation trends, in particular in telecommunications' use of market studies. Commissioners and staff from the NZCC, four senior ACCC staff and Jim Cox from the AER were in attendance. Lunch was provided.	N/A
21–22 November 2019	Electricity Authority New Zealand	Commissioner Cifuentes, at the invitation of the Electricity Authority, attended the Utility Regulators Forum (URF) at the InterContinental Hotel, Wellington. Catering was provided. She also attended the dinner at Shed 5, Queens Wharf on 22 November as part of the URF.	N/A
27 November 2019	Business Law Section of the Law Council of Australia	Deputy Chair Rickard, at the invitation of the Business Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, attended a yearly liaison dinner at Sage Dining Rooms, Canberra.	N/A
28 November 2019	Herbert Smith Freehills	Commissioner Cifuentes, as a member of the organising committee, attended a Regulatory Policy Institute seminar. Canapés and drinks were provided at the event, which was held at the Herbert Smith Freehills office.	N/A
2–6 December 2019	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	Commissioner Court, at the invitation of the OECD, represented the ACCC at meetings of the OECD Competition Committee and the Global Forum on Competition in Paris, and presented at the 3rd Meeting of High Level Representatives of Asia-Pacific Competition Authorities. At the invitation of Dr Alex Robson, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Australia to the OECD, Commissioner Court and an ACCC staff member attended a dinner with a range of competition law and policy experts hosted by Dr Robson at his private residence.	N/A
10 December 2019	Charles River Associates	Commissioner Court, at the invitation of Charles River Associates, attended the Annual Brussels Conference: Economic Developments in Competition Policy 'Anti-trust in times of	N/A

upheaval – a global conversation’. She participated in a panel titled ‘Drums beating from the hills: the global rise against big tech’, which focused on key findings from the ACCC’s digital platforms inquiry report. The conference was held at the Steigenberger Wiltcher’s Hotel and catering was provided.

16 December 2019	Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC)	Deputy Chair Rickard, at the invitation of ASIC, attended an ASIC event where topics discussed included how ASIC is applying behavioural insights to help people take control of their financial lives. A preview of the new MoneySmart website was provided and there was discussion on future collaborations. Catering was provided at the venue, QT Hotel, Canberra.	N/A
1 August 2019–2 January 2020	Qantas Airways Ltd and Virgin Australia	ACCC Commissioners were provided complimentary lounge memberships and/or lounge access because of frequency of ACCC work-related travel and their individual status.	N/A
