



ACCC Commissioner Gifts and Hospitality Register

In the course of their duties, ACCC Commissioners have accepted the following gifts, hospitality, and benefits from **1 October 2023 – 31 December 2023**.

Date	Organisation(s)	Description	Estimated Total Value
4 October 2023	Law Council of Australia Quay Law Partners Clayton Utz	Chair Gina Cass-Gottlieb attended the Law Council of Australia's <i>Annual Conference of the Media & Communications Law Committee</i> as Keynote Speaker hosted by Quay Law Partners and Clayton Utz and held at Clayton Utz Sydney. The Chair presented on <i>Regulating Digital Platforms</i> and participated in a panel discussion on <i>Online and Digital Services Regulation</i> . As part of the event, refreshments were provided at the venue.	\$20
10 October 2023	Melbourne Business School	Chair Gina Cass-Gottlieb attended the <i>Deans' Leaders Forum</i> at the Melbourne Business School as Keynote Speaker to discuss the ACCC's <i>Priorities and Focus</i> . As part of the event, dinner was provided at the venue.	\$80
12 - 13 October 2023	Italian Competition Authority (AGCM)	Chair Gina Cass-Gottlieb, at the invitation of, and hosted by the AGCM, met with the AGCM President and Commissioners in Rome to discuss the implementation of the ACCC/AGCM <i>Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)</i> as well as key areas of focus and enforcement areas of interest. As part of the meeting with the President and Commissioners, a dinner was held at Il Ristorante – Niko Romito. The Chair also addressed the ACCC/AGCM Bilateral Meeting with Opening Remarks on the <i>Achievements on the MOU and ACCC Key Areas of Focus</i> .	\$1,200 (accommodation) \$500 (food, beverages and transfers)

16 October 2023	Blockchain Australia	ACCC Deputy Chair Catriona Lowe was gifted a book titled 'Tracers in the Dark' by Andy Greenberg at the National Anti-Scam Centre Advisory Board meeting in the ACCC Melbourne office. ACCC staff members also received copies (please refer to ACCC Staff Register). This gift was provided to the ACCC Library.	\$47.95
16 - 20 October 2023	International Competition Network (ICN) – <i>Spanish National Markets and Competition Commission (CNMC) hosted the 2023 ICN Conference</i> International Bar Association/International Chamber of Commerce (ICC-IBA) Competition Policy International (CPI)	<p>Chair Gina Cass-Gottlieb attended the <i>22nd ICN Annual Conference</i> at Llotja de Mar Barcelona, Spain, hosted by ICN. As part of the conference, refreshments were provided on each day. The Chair participated in the ICN Welcome Reception at ICN headquarters, the ICN Steering Group Dinner at the Windsor Restaurant, and ICN Conference Dinner at Llotja de Mar. The Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in Agency Head sessions on <i>Sustainability and Competition Law, and Competitive Implications of Artificial Intelligence</i>; and the ICN Host Plenary session on <i>The Role of Courts in Antitrust Law: Developing Mutually Beneficial Interactions at Llotja de Mar, Barcelona</i>. • Joined a fireside chat with the Head of the Bundeskartellamt and the Head of the Spanish Competition Authority at the ICC-IBA Annual Pre-ICN Forum <i>The Antitrust Trifecta: Enforcers, the Courts and the Private Sector</i> on the topic of <i>The Role of Enforcers</i> at Torre Glories, Barcelona. • With other Agency Heads participated in two CPI Competition Law and Economics Roundtables on the topics of <i>M&A: Striking a balance between Innovation and Competition</i> and <i>Navigating the Future: AI and Competition Law Interplay</i>, at the Grand Central Hotel, Barcelona. <p>The Chair and other convention participants received a tour of the Catedral del Mar. The Chair was gifted a postal stamp which was provided to the ACCC Social Club.</p>	<p>\$470 (food and beverages)</p> <p>\$5 (Stamp)</p> <p>\$24 (Cathedral Tour)</p>
2 November 2023	Melbourne Institute and The Australian	Chair Gina Cass-Gottlieb attended the <i>2023 Economic and Social Outlook Conference</i> hosted by the Melbourne Institute and The Australian at Palladium Crown Melbourne. The Chair presented as the Keynote Speaker on <i>The role of competition in a defining decade</i> . As part of the event, lunch was provided at the venue.	\$1,110 (cost of ticket, inc. lunch)
8 November 2023	CHOICE	Commissioner Liza Carver attended the <i>CHOICE Board and Management farewell to CEO Alan Kirkland</i> . Light refreshments were served at their Marrickville office.	\$30
10 November 2023	Herbert Smith Freehills	Commissioner Liza Carver attended <i>Herbert Smith Freehills Law Lunchtime Q&A Roundtable with Commissioner Carver</i> . Lunch was provided as part of the event held at Herbert Smith Freehills in Sydney.	\$30

15 November 2023	Corrs Chambers Westgarth	Commissioner Liza Carver participated in a Panel Session at the <i>Corrs 2024 M&A Outlook Event</i> . Lunch was provided as part of the event held at Corrs Chambers Westgarth in Sydney.	\$50
15 November 2023	Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI)	Deputy Chair Mick Keogh attended ACCI's <i>Business Leaders' Summit Gala Dinner</i> at QT hotel in Canberra.	\$100
16-17 November 2023	Economic Regulation Authority – Western Australia	Commissioner Anna Brakey attended the <i>Utility Regulators Forum</i> at QT hotel in Perth. Refreshments, lunch and dinner were provided as part of the event.	\$150
17 November 2023	Victorian Country Press Association (VCPA)	Chair Gina Cass-Gottlieb attended the <i>Victorian Country Press Association's Annual Conference</i> at the RACV City Club in Melbourne. She presented as Keynote Speaker on the ACCC's <i>Digital Platforms work</i> . As part of the event, refreshments were provided.	\$155
20 November 2023	Quay Law Partners	Commissioner Stephen Ridgeway attended the Quay Law Partners' Roundtable event at the Park Hyatt in Melbourne. He spoke on <i>ACCC enforcement priorities: Mergers – practical issues on process</i> and received car parking, lunch and refreshments.	\$100 (food and beverages) \$64 (parking)
21 November 2023	Australian Securities Investments Commission (ASIC)	Chair Gina Cass-Gottlieb, Deputy Chair Mick Keogh, and Commissioner Peter Crone attended the <i>2023 ASIC Annual Dinner</i> hosted by ASIC held at Sofitel Melbourne on Collins. As part of the event, dinner was provided at the venue.	\$300
22 November 2023	Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)	Chair Gina Cass-Gottlieb attended the <i>ASIC Annual Forum 2023</i> hosted by ASIC held at the Sofitel Melbourne on Collins and participated in a Plenary Session with the Chairs of Australian Prudential Regulation Authority and ASIC on <i>Navigating Disruption – Regulator Perspectives</i> . As part of the event, refreshments were provided at the venue.	\$1,750 (cost of ticket, inc. refreshments)
23 November 2023	Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia	Commissioner Anna Brakey attended the Energy and Climate Change Ministerial Council's stakeholder engagement meeting at the Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia. Lunch was provided as part of the meeting.	\$50
24 November 2023	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW)	Commissioner Anna Brakey attended a stakeholder reception at the Energy Ministers Meeting hosted by DCCEEW at Optus Stadium in Perth. She was provided with lunch at the venue.	\$70

29–30 November 2023	Philippine Competition Commission (PCC)	Commissioner Peter Crone attended an ASEAN Conference in Manila, Philippines hosted by the PCC. Airport transfers, two lunches, a dinner and refreshments were provided. Commissioner Crone received a laptop sleeve, charger and notebook as gifts for participating in the event. The gifts were provided to the ACCC Social Club.	\$200 (food, beverages and transfers) \$40 (gifts)
30 November 2023	Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, Sydney (OAIC)	Chair Gina Cass-Gottlieb attended the <i>60th Asia Pacific Privacy Authorities Forum</i> hosted by the OAIC at the Maritime Museum Darling Harbour in Sydney. She was the Keynote Speaker on <i>Regulatory Intersections between Competition, Consumer and Privacy Law</i> . As part of the event, dinner was provided at the venue.	\$100
30 November 2023	Global Competition Review	Chair Gina Cass-Gottlieb, and Commissioners Liza Carver and Stephen Ridgeway spoke at the <i>Global Competition Review Live Competition Enforcement in Australia 2023</i> at the Swissôtel, Sydney. The Chair was the Keynote Speaker on <i>Regulatory Intersections between Competition, Consumer and Privacy Law</i> , Commissioner Ridgeway participated in panel on <i>reforming merger review: what does the future hold?</i> and Commissioner Carver spoke in a panel on <i>criminal and civil cartel enforcement</i> . In support of his travel, Commissioners Ridgeway's wife accompanied him to the event. As part of the event, lunch and refreshments were provided.	\$300
1 December 2023	ION Group Australia	Commissioner Stephen Ridgeway attended an informal lunch hosted by a representative of <i>ION Group Australia</i> at Salesforce Tower Sydney to discuss <i>Merger Law Reform</i> . Attendees included a member of Treasury's Expert Advisory Panel on Competition Review and a number of legal practitioners. As part of the event, lunch and refreshments were provided at the venue.	\$100
1 December 2023	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	Commissioner Anna Brakey attended the <i>Joint Regulatory Policy Committee– Network of Economic Regulators</i> cocktail reception in Paris hosted by the OECD. Refreshments were provided as part of the event.	\$50
4–8 December 2023	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	Chair Gina Cass-Gottlieb attended the <i>OECD Competition Committee, Working Parties 2 and 3 (Best Practices Roundtables)</i> and the <i>OECD Global Forum on Competition</i> , at the OECD's headquarters in Paris. As part of the conference, refreshments were provided on each day. The Chair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a Keynote Speaker, addressed the OECD's 8th Meeting of High Representatives of Asia Pacific Competition Authorities on <i>Competition Policy and Environmental Considerations</i>. As part of the meeting, lunch was provided. 	\$370 (food and beverages) \$100 (gifts)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended the OECD Cocktail event at the Chateau de la Muette, where the launch of the Gender Neutrality Toolkit took place. As part of the event, refreshments were provided. 	
	W@CompetitionFR	The Chair, as a Keynote Speaker, addressed the <i>W@CompetitionFR</i> cocktail event at restaurant Nissim de Camondo on <i>Women in Leadership and ACCC's Priorities and Focus</i> . As part of the event, refreshments were provided.	
	Mongolian Government	The Chair met with a delegation from the Mongolian Government and was gifted a felt yurt with plastic ankles and a keyring. The gifts were provided to the ACCC Social Club.	
	Trade Competition Commission of Thailand	The Chair also met with Trade Competition Commission of Thailand and was gifted with a rechargeable folding lamp. The gifts were provided to the ACCC Social Club.	
5 December 2023	W@CompetitionFR	Commissioner Anna Brakey attended the <i>W@CompetitionFR's</i> cocktail event at Le Camondo restaurant in the Musee Nissim de Camondo, Paris. As part of the event, refreshments were provided.	\$50
6 - 7 December 2023	Thailand Government – Office of the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC)	Commissioner Anna Brakey received flights and accommodation paid by the Thailand Government as part of her presentation to NBTC's Regulatory Network Meeting in Phuket, Thailand. Lunch and refreshments were provided at the venue, Dusit Thani Laguna Phuket.	\$10,400 (airfare) \$212 (accommodation) \$50 (food and beverages)
7 December 2023	King & Wood Mallesons (KWM)	Commissioners Liza Carver and Stephen Ridgeway participated in KWM's <i>Lunchtime insights session with Commissioners Ridgeway & Carver</i> as a speaker and panellist. Lunch was provided as part of the event at KWM's Melbourne office. Commissioner Ridgeway was also provided with car parking.	\$80 (lunch) \$65 (parking)
12 December 2023	Australian Payments Network Ltd (AusPayNet)	Deputy Chair Catriona Lowe attended and spoke at the <i>AusPayNet Summit</i> held at the International Convention Centre in Sydney. To show their appreciation for Deputy Chair Lowe speaking at the event, AusPayNet donated to the NSW Rural Fire Service and Brigades Donation Fund. As part of the event, coffee was provided at the venue.	\$50 (donation) \$6 (beverages)
18 December 2023	Qantas Airways Ltd	Chair Gina Cass-Gottlieb received a Christmas gift from Qantas Platinum One of a bottle of Four Pillars Summer Gin, 700ml, which was provided to the ACCC's Social Club.	\$75

Ongoing (from July 2022)	Qantas Airways Ltd	Chair Gina Cass-Gottlieb and her partner received Qantas Chairman's lounge memberships.	Unknown
Ongoing (from September 2016)	Qantas Airways Ltd	Deputy Chair Mick Keogh received a Qantas Chairman's lounge membership.	Unknown
Ongoing (from September 2022)	Qantas Airways Ltd	Commissioner Anna Brakey received a Qantas Chairman's lounge membership.	Unknown
Ongoing (from 2011, prior to joining the ACCC)	Qantas Airways Ltd	Commissioner Liza Carver received a Qantas Chairman's lounge membership.	Unknown
Ongoing (from January 2020)	Qantas Airways Ltd	Commissioner Stephen Ridgeway received a Qantas Chairman's lounge membership.	Unknown
Ongoing	Qantas Airways Ltd Virgin Australia Airlines Pty Ltd	Some ACCC Commissioners were provided with or retained complimentary lounge membership and/or lounge access because of the frequency of their ACCC work-related travel.	Unknown
Additional disclosure for the period from 1 July 2023 – 30 September 2023			
25 August 2023	e61 Institute	Commissioner Peter Crone, (alongside ACCC staff members and the ACCC CEO), at the invitation of the e61 Institute, attended the launch of a report on <i>The State of Competition in Australia</i> at the National Press Club. As part of the event, refreshments were provided.	\$20