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DOMESTIC TOURISTS CONTINUE TO SPEND BIG ON RESTAURANT MEALS

Data from Tourism Research Australia's National Visitor Survey (NVS) has shown an 11 per cent increase in domestic tourists' expenditure on restaurant and takeaway meals for the year ending June 2018.

According to the data, domestic tourists spent \$11.1 billion on meals from restaurants and takeaway food outlets which was the second largest expenditure item across all categories after accommodation.

The total expenditure on restaurant and takeaway meals represented roughly 16.4 per cent of the overall overnight spend by domestic tourists of \$67.5 billion.

Restaurant & Catering Australia (R&CA) CEO Juliana Payne said that the increasing expenditure on restaurant and takeaway meals from domestic tourists reflected the quality of restaurant and café offerings throughout Australia.

"The domestic spend on restaurant and takeaway meals cracking the \$11 billion mark shows the appreciation amongst domestic tourists for everything the café and restaurant sector has to offer.

"Given that accommodation is the only travel expense category greater than café and restaurant meals, this data clearly shows what a priority dining is for domestic tourists during their holidays," Ms Payne said.

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