Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

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Communications Portfolio

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Question No: 264

Program No.: Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Christmas Party Costs

Senator Ludwig asked:

List what functions were held by the Department/Agency for either Christmas or end of calendar year since 7 September 2013

- 1. What was the cost of each of these functions?
- 2. How was the money identified?
- 3. What was the location of these functions?
- 4. Provide a table of food and alcohol purchased for the function

Answer:

The ABC does not separately record the cost of Christmas functions. ABC Managers are allocated \$15 per employee towards the cost of any Christmas functions.

A review of relevant expenditure categories indicates that between 1 September 2013 and 31 January 2014 the ABC spent \$14,000 across all divisions and departments on Christmas functions.