

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES (SUPPLEMENTARY HEARINGS) 2013-2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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Type of question: Written

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Question:

- (1) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- (2) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from 7 September 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- (3) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from 7 September 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- (4) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from 7 September 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- (5) What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- (6) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- (7) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

- (8) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- (9) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are they?

Answer:

- (1) The Office has had nil hospitality spend.
- (2) The Office does not provide hospitality support for Minister or Parliamentary Secretary office staff.
- (3) The Office has had nil entertainment spend.
- (4) The Office does not provide entertainment support for Minister or Parliamentary Secretary office staff.
- (5) No hospitality spend is planned for the Office.
- (6) The Office does not provide hospitality support for Minister or Parliamentary Secretary office staff.
- (7) No entertainment spend is planned for the Office.
- (8) The Office does not provide entertainment support for Minister or Parliamentary Secretary office staff.
- (9) Not applicable.