

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Hearings February 2014

Communications Portfolio

Australia Post

Question No: 169

Program No. Australia Post

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date including any catering and drinks costs.
2. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

Answer:

- 1-5. As a large, commercially focussed Government Business Enterprise operating in a number of highly competitive markets, Australia Post engages in a broad range of business-related hospitality and entertainment activities across the corporation on an ongoing basis. These activities are aimed at strengthening existing customer relationships and developing potential ones. The specific details sought about hospitality and entertainment activities across the entire corporation are not captured on any central database. As such, Australia Post is not in a position to provide the information requested.