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Department of Communications

Question No: 339

Program No. Corporate

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Meeting costs – Ministerial

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.
2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.

Answer:

1. The meeting expenses relating to the offices of the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary from 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014 were \$158.25 (GST exclusive). The meeting expenses relate to a NBN Co Strategic Review discussion which took place on 12 December 2013 where tea, coffee and biscuits were supplied.
2. As at 25 February 2014, the Department was aware of a meeting for the Ministerial Advisory Council on Communications on 7 March 2014 in the Department's Sydney office. The expenses for this meeting were expected to be less than \$500 to cover catering.