

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Hearings February 2014

Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications

Question No: 340

Program No. Corporate

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Hospitality and entertainment – Ministerial

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality 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.
2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total 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. 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.
4. 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.

Answer:

- 1-2. The Department's financial management system does not allow for a distinction between spending on 'hospitality' and spending on 'entertainment'. The hospitality and entertainment expenses relating to the offices of the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary from 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014 are provided below:

Date	Location	Purpose	Total (GST Excl)
06/11/2013	Sydney	Working lunch with attendees from the Minister's office, the Department, NBN Co Limited and Telstra.	\$276.91

3. The Department is not aware of any expenses relating to hospitality for the offices of the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary for the remainder of the 2013-14 financial year.
4. The Department is not aware of any expenses relating to entertainment for the offices of the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary for the remainder of the 2013-14 financial year.