

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Hearings February 2014

Communications Portfolio

Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency

Question No: 416

Program No. Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency (TUSMA)

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:

From November 2013 to 31 March 2014, TUSMA has spent approximately \$168.00 (GST Inclusive) on hospitality and entertainment. Details are as follows:

Stakeholder	Date	Location	Meeting Costs (GST inclusive)
ACE/WWS	18 and 19 November 2013	Melbourne	\$105.00
ACE/WWS	17 December 2013	Melbourne	\$63.00
TOTAL			\$168.00

These costs are for catering only (inclusive of food and soft drinks).

TUSMA anticipates that there will be future costs on hospitality and entertainment for stakeholder's meetings. The costs will vary dependent on the location and number of people in attendance and will be subject to the same value for money considerations.