

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Hearings February 2014

Communications Portfolio

Special Broadcasting Service

Question No: 312

Program No. Special Broadcasting Service (SBS)

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Christmas party costs

Senator Ludwig asked:

List what functions were held by the Department/Agency for either Christmas or end of calendar year since 7 September 2013

1. What was the cost of each of these functions?
2. How was the money identified?
3. What was the location of these functions?
4. Provide a table of food and alcohol purchased for the function

Answer:

SBS hosted end of year staff functions in Sydney and Melbourne between 7 September 2013 and 31 January 2014.

1. Sydney function: \$95,144. Melbourne function: \$14,400.
2. The cost of the Sydney end of year function was subsidised by \$4,776 in ticket purchases and \$15,000 in SBS Social Club fees. All other costs for both functions were covered by SBS.
3. Sydney function: Wolfies Restaurant, 17-21 Circular Quay West, The Rocks, NSW 2000.
Melbourne function: Bluestone Restaurant & Bar, 349 Flinders Lane, Melbourne, VIC 3000.
Board function: Maha Restaurant, 21 Bond St, Melbourne, VIC 3000.
4. The negotiated function prices were all inclusive food and alcohol packages per person.