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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Hospitality and Entertainment

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Ludwig

QUESTION No.: AI-52

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. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.)
8. 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.
9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

ANSWER

1. The total hospitality/entertainment expenditure for the Department for the period 1 December 2013 to 28 February is \$44,646 (GST exclusive) including \$1,028 for 48 events each costing less than \$50 (GST exclusive). Please refer to Table 1 for details in relation to date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

Table 1.

Date	Location	Total Cost (\$)	Purpose
01/12/13	Mecca Bah - ACT	362	Meeting with South African delegation to discuss carbon impacts
01/12/13	Crowne - ACT	2,051	Australian Workforce Productivity Agency Board Meeting and Planning Day

01/12/13	OnRed - ACT	545	Science Circus Valedictory Presentation
01/12/13	Parmelia Hilton - WA	517	Commercialisation Australia Expert Networking Event
01/12/13	Canberra - ACT	85	National Workforce Development Fund Business Meeting
01/12/13	Duxton Hotel - WA	170	Meeting with the US Trade Commissioner
01/12/13	GPO Restaurant - VIC	76	Supplier Advocates Business Meeting
01/12/13	The Heritage BBB -WA	184	Oil & Gas Collaboration Business Meeting
01/12/13	Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce – QLD	77	Supplier Advocates Business Breakfast
02/12/13	Fourno - NSW	500	Australian Astronomical Observatory Coonabarabran Event
03/12/13	AusIndustry office - WA	196	Western Australia State Centre Networking Event
04/12/13	Melbourne - VIC	264	Business Advisors Meeting
05/12/13	Canberra Southern Cross Club - ACT	79	Head of Australian National University Facilities meeting
05/12/13	University House - ACT	170	Australian National University Visiting Fellow meeting
05/12/13	Waters Edge - ACT	1,658	International Skills Co-operation: North and South Asia Networking Event
09/12/13	Launceston - TAS	123	Research and Development Taxation Event
10/12/13	Spice Kitchen - SA	954	South Australian and Northern Territory Planning Day
10/12/13	AJs Indian - NSW	1,362	Hermes Team Finalisation Workshop
10/12/13	GPO Restaurant - VIC	348	Supplier Advocates Workshop
10/12/13	Jamies Italian - ACT	332	Mineral Productivity Group Business Meeting
11/12/13	Barn Steakhouse - SA	64	Industry Consultation Workshop
11/12/13	Wagga Office - NSW	406	Meeting with Industry stakeholder.
11/12/13	Steel Espresso - NSW	125	Precincts Policy Board Meeting
12/12/13	Novotel - ACT	702	Case Managers and Commercialisation Australian Board Meeting
13/12/13	Canberra - ACT	175	Research and Development Taxation Event
16/12/13	Churrasco - ACT	311	Inspiring Australia Officers Workshop
16/12/13	Courgette - ACT	818	Questacon Advisory Council Business Meeting
17/12/13	Canberra - ACT	184	Vocational Education Reform Taskforce Business Meeting
18/12/13	Parliament House - ACT	609	Tourism Awards Gala Networking Event
19/12/13	Wolfies - NSW	396	Meeting with Visiting Colleagues to Discuss International Metrology
19/12/13	Chairman & Yip - ACT	885	Science Circus Valedictory Presentations
19/12/13	Canberra - ACT	237	National Vocational Education and Training Equity Advisory Council Meeting
19/12/13	University House - ACT	1,381	Launch of eBook
20/12/13	Melbourne - VIC	1,446	Australian Building Codes Board Business Meeting
06/01/14	Kindle - ACT	145	Program Management & Communications Meeting
08/01/14	Canberra - ACT	1,080	Questacon Volunteers Event
14/01/14	Fourno - NSW	207	Instrument Science Business Meeting
15/01/14	Melbourne - VIC	279	Business Advisors Meeting
20/01/14	Canberra Business Council - ACT	264	Outlook 2050 Conference
20/01/14	Langham Hotel - VIC	863	Co-ordination Group on Clean Coal, Transparency and Strategy Forum
20/01/14	Fourno - NSW	224	Metrology Strategy Business Meeting

03/02/14	Ahmets Turkish - ACT	167	Business Meeting for Inspiring Australia Officers
03/02/14	Crown Promenade - VIC	2,751	National Offshore Petroleum Title Administrator Information Session
04/02/14	Canberra - ACT	71	Uranium, Taxation and Radioactive Waste Meeting
06/02/14	Canberra - ACT	300	Australian Renewable Energy Agency Forum
09/02/14	Canberra - ACT	96	Graduates Networking Event
11/02/14	Bouchon Bakery - USA	695	Meeting to Discuss New Approaches to Economic Challenges
11/02/14	Canberra - ACT	639	Business Meeting with Korean Delegation
11/02/14	CityZen - USA	1,103	Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship Discussions
12/02/14	Whitsunday Marketing - QLD	59	Bowen Skills and Industry Program Forum
17/02/14	Canberra - ACT	302	Skills Migration and Asian Century Workshop
20/02/14	Fourno - NSW	62	Australian Astronomical Observatory meeting
24/02/14	Kindle - ACT	281	State & Territory Managers Meeting
24/02/14	Crowne Plaza - ACT	736	Vocational Education and Training Reform and Skills Planning Day
24/02/14	Glass House - ACT	65	Meeting with Industry stakeholder
24/02/14	Parkroyal - VIC	806	Australian Apprentices Program Meeting
24/02/14	Sane Events - NSW	164	Resource Technology Innovation Centre Information Event
24/02/14	Courgette - ACT	868	Questacon Advisory Council Networking Event
24/02/14	Transit - ACT	434	International Forum
24/02/14	Glass House - ACT	498	Case Managers Forum
24/02/14	Adelaide Pavilion - SA	228	Research and Development Industry Research & Development Consultants Workshop
24/02/14	Banjo Patterson Steakhouse - QLD	702	Case Managers and Commercialisation Australia Board Meeting
24/02/14	Cardians - NSW	690	Expert Networking Event for the Associate Degree of Construction
24/02/14	Parliament House - ACT	11,047	Prime Ministers Prizes for Science Event

2. The total hospitality/entertainment expenditure for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries for the period 1 December 2013 to 28 February is \$353 (GST exclusive). Please refer to Table 2 for details in relation to date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

Table 2.

Date	Location	Total Cost (\$)	Purpose
29/01/14	Parliament House	353	Stakeholder Roundtable

3. Please refer to the response provided to question 1.
4. Please refer to the response provided to question 2.
5. The Department is currently reviewing its budget for the remainder of 2013-14 and has commenced planning for 2014-15 and the forward estimates. All discretionary spending, including hospitality and entertainment will be reviewed as part of this process with a view to identifying further efficiencies.
6. There is currently no planned hospitality/entertainment expenditure for the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary.

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8. Please refer to response provided to question 6.
9. The department is diligent in ensuring it takes every opportunity to reduce expenditure.