

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2014**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Hospitality and entertainment**

Question: **268**

Written: **Senator Ludwig**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 11 July 2014

1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 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 Additional Estimates in February, 2014 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 Additional Estimates in February, 2014 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. For the period from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 31 May 2014 the Department held the following events:

Event	Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
Long Way Home Q&A – the people behind the play discussion	15/4/14	APH Theatre	Public Event	\$1704.55
Henry V – the stories behind the play panel discussion.	25/5/14	APH Theatre	Public event	\$1,909.09
25/3/14	Presiding Officers and Parliamentary Librarian	Book Launch	Launch of latest volume in the <i>Historical Record of Australia</i> series	\$337.28

2. Not applicable
3. Refer to response to question 1.
4. Not applicable
5. Since the reporting period (from Budget Estimates Hearing 2014) the Department held the following event:

Event	Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
Exhibition Opening Parliament House a Work and People Power and Architecture panel discussion.	19/6/14	APH Queens Terrace	Exhibition Opening	\$1,650.00

At this stage no other events are planned.

6. Not applicable
7. Refer to response to question 5.
8. Nil
9. The Department will continue to closely monitor expenditure against hospitality and entertainment.