

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Department of the Senate

Budget Estimates

26-30 May 2014

Question: 71
Topic: Meeting costs
Written: 12 June 2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

1. What is the department/agency's meeting spend from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date?
 - a) 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 meeting spend from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date.
 - a) Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.
3. What meeting spend is the department/agency's planning on spending?
 - a) Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for?
 - b) Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.

Answer:

As a parliamentary department, the department does not report to a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary. It does, however, support meetings of the Senate and its committees, a function consuming most of the department's budget.