

Question on notice no. 4

Portfolio question number: 4

2018-19 Supplementary budget estimates

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee, Agriculture and Water Resources Portfolio

Senator Glenn Sterle: asked the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources on 23 October 2018—

ABARES runs a number of conferences; can you provide a breakdown of the conferences and the associated costs for years 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18
Location and costs of each regional conference? List of speakers at each conference?
Cost of travel associated with staff members attending each conference? Cost of special speakers List of special speakers Cost of hospitality for each conference?
Number of participants for each conference?

Answer —

Answers attached.

Answer:

ABARES hosts a series of Regional Outlook conferences around Australia annually as part of its dissemination of research results and analysis.

a. Location and costs of each regional conference?

Year	Location	Costs
2015/16	Darwin Regional Outlook conference NT 8 July 2015 (one day)	\$13,685
	Rockhampton Regional Outlook conference QLD 29 July 2015 (one day)	\$8687
	Geraldton Regional Outlook conference WA 26 August 2015 (one day)	\$18,165
	Hamilton Regional Outlook conference VIC 23 September 2015 (one day)	\$9878

	Coffs Harbour Regional Outlook conference NSW 28 October 2015 (one day)	\$10,096
	Hobart Regional Outlook conference TAS 27 April 2016 (one day)	\$9304
	Port Lincoln Regional Outlook conference SA 18 May 2016 (one day)	\$12,458
2016/17	Darwin Regional Outlook conference NT 6 July 2016 (one day)	\$17,357
	Townsville Regional Outlook conference QLD 27 July 2016 (one day)	\$13,491
	Bunbury Regional Outlook conference WA 17 August 2016 (one day)	\$11,096
	Traralgon Regional Outlook conference VIC 5 October 2016 (one day)	\$12,808
	Griffith Regional Outlook conference NSW 26 October 2016 (one day)	\$7624
	Renmark Regional Outlook conference SA 3 May 2017	\$9582
2017/18	Darwin Regional Outlook conference NT 5 July 2017 (one day)	\$15,462
	Ararat Regional Outlook conference VIC 26 July 2017 (one day)	\$9401
	Devonport Regional Outlook conference TAS 23 August 2017 (one day)	\$9943
	Kununurra Regional Outlook conference WA 20 September 2017 (one day)	\$17,563
	Toowoomba Regional Outlook conference QLD 11 October 2017 (one day)	\$14,241
	Tamworth Regional Outlook conference NSW 15 November 2017 (one day)	\$12,125

b. List of speakers at each conference?

Refer to attachment A.

c. Cost of travel associated with staff members attending each conference?

Year	Location	Cost of ABARES staff travel
2015/16	Darwin Regional Outlook conference NT 8 July 2015 (one day)	\$5548
	Rockhampton Regional Outlook conference QLD 29 July 2015 (one day)	\$3559
	Geraldton Regional Outlook conference WA 26 August 2015 (one day)	\$9578
	Hamilton Regional Outlook conference VIC 23 September 2015 (one day)	\$2521
	Coffs Harbour Regional Outlook conference NSW 28 October 2015 (one day)	\$3022
	Hobart Regional Outlook conference TAS 27 April 2016 (one day)	\$4141
	Port Lincoln Regional Outlook conference SA 18 May 2016 (one day)	\$6051
2016/17	Darwin Regional Outlook conference NT 6 July 2016 (one day)	\$7599
	Townsville Regional Outlook conference QLD 27 July 2016 (one day)	\$3960
	Bunbury Regional Outlook conference WA 17 August 2016 (one day)	\$3626
	Traralgon Regional Outlook conference VIC 5 October 2016 (one day)	\$3926
	Griffith Regional Outlook conference NSW 26 October 2016 (one day)	\$1536
	Renmark Regional Outlook conference SA 3 May 2017	\$4275
2017/18	Darwin Regional Outlook conference NT 5 July 2017 (one day)	\$4888
	Ararat Regional Outlook conference VIC 26 July 2017 (one day)	\$3158

	Devonport Regional Outlook conference TAS 23 August 2017 (one day)	\$2851
	Kununurra Regional Outlook conference WA 20 September 2017 (one day)	\$9797
	Toowoomba Regional Outlook conference QLD 11 October 2017 (one day)	\$3638
	Tamworth Regional Outlook conference NSW 15 November 2017 (one day)	\$4143

d. Cost of special speakers

Nil cost of special speakers. All speakers were sourced from the region or met their own expenses.

e. List of special speakers

No special speakers.

f. Cost of hospitality for each conference?

Year	Location	Cost of hospitality (cost of catering only)
2015/16	Darwin Regional Outlook conference NT 8 July 2015 (one day)	\$3570
	Rockhampton Regional Outlook conference QLD 29 July 2015 (one day)	\$1926.30
	Geraldton Regional Outlook conference WA 26 August 2015 (one day)	\$2320
	Hamilton Regional Outlook conference VIC 23 September 2015 (one day)	\$4565 (catering not individually broken out, includes venue hire)
	Coffs Harbour Regional Outlook conference NSW 28 October 2015 (one day)	\$3627

	Hobart Regional Outlook conference TAS 27 April 2016 (one day)	\$4950
	Port Lincoln Regional Outlook conference SA 18 May 2016 (one day)	\$2800
2016/17	Darwin Regional Outlook conference NT 6 July 2016 (one day)	\$3319
	Townsville Regional Outlook conference QLD 27 July 2016 (one day)	\$4275
	Bunbury Regional Outlook conference WA 17 August 2016 (one day)	\$3465
	Traralgon Regional Outlook conference VIC 5 October 2016 (one day)	\$3600
	Griffith Regional Outlook conference NSW 26 October 2016 (one day)	\$2976
	Renmark Regional Outlook conference SA 3 May 2017	\$1000
2017/18	Darwin Regional Outlook conference NT 5 July 2017 (one day)	\$4400
	Ararat Regional Outlook conference VIC 26 July 2017 (one day)	\$2106
	Devonport Regional Outlook conference TAS 23 August 2017 (one day)	\$4187
	Kununurra Regional Outlook conference WA 20 September 2017 (one day)	\$3200
	Toowoomba Regional Outlook conference QLD 11 October 2017 (one day)	\$5000
	Tamworth Regional Outlook conference NSW 15 November 2017 (one day)	\$3905

g. Number of participants for each conference?

Year	Location	Number of participants
2015/16	Darwin Regional Outlook conference NT 8 July 2015 (one day)	97 attendees

	Rockhampton Regional Outlook conference QLD 29 July 2015 (one day)	115 attendees
	Geraldton Regional Outlook conference WA 26 August 2015 (one day)	84 attendees
	Hamilton Regional Outlook conference VIC 23 September 2015 (one day)	125 attendees
	Coffs Harbour Regional Outlook conference NSW 28 October 2015 (one day)	123 attendees
	Hobart Regional Outlook conference TAS 27 April 2016 (one day)	106 attendees
	Port Lincoln Regional Outlook conference SA 18 May 2016 (one day)	85 attendees
2016/17	Darwin Regional Outlook conference NT 6 July 2016 (one day)	98 attendees
	Townsville Regional Outlook conference QLD 27 July 2016 (one day)	103 attendees
	Bunbury Regional Outlook conference WA 17 August 2016 (one day)	98 attendees
	Traralgon Regional Outlook conference VIC 5 October 2016 (one day)	85 attendees
	Griffith Regional Outlook conference NSW 26 October 2016 (one day)	87 attendees
	Renmark Regional Outlook conference SA 3 May 2017	57 attendees
2017/18	Darwin Regional Outlook conference NT 5 July 2017 (one day)	77 attendees
	Ararat Regional Outlook conference VIC 26 July 2017 (one day)	95 attendees
	Devonport Regional Outlook conference TAS 23 August 2017 (one day)	104 attendees
	Kununurra Regional Outlook conference WA 20 September 2017 (one day)	69 attendees
	Toowoomba Regional Outlook conference QLD 11 October 2017 (one day)	131 attendees

	Tamworth Regional Outlook conference NSW 15 November 2017 (one day)	108 attendees
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Date	Conference	Name	Section	Topic
2015	Darwin	Natasha Griggs MP	Federal Member for Solomon	Opening address
2015	Darwin	Karen Schneider	ABARES	The business of agriculture – producing for profit
2015	Darwin	Luke O'Brien	Northern Australia Development Office	The business of agriculture – producing for profit
2015	Darwin	Yvonne Gleeson	ABARES	Northern Australia – the big picture
2015	Darwin	Joni Lushcombe	Bureau of Meteorology	Northern Australia – the big picture
2015	Darwin	Hanley International Trading	Northern Australia – the big picture	When the past is no longer the best guide
2015	Darwin	Geoff Dawkins	Australian Agricultural Company	Asian demand, but can we meet it with confidence
2015	Darwin	Stephen Radzicki	ANZ	After the altar – impacts of export
2015	Darwin	Joshua Bennett	Department of Agriculture	Investment in northern development
2015	Darwin	Andrew Tomkins	P/T Enterprises	Biosecurity underpins growth and food security
2015	Darwin	Dan Richards	Humpy Doo Barramundi	NT's poultry potential – capital lessons
2015	Rockhampton	Michele Landry MP	ABARES	Doing business in northern Australia
2015	Rockhampton	Janette Pinner	ABARES	Opening address
2015	Rockhampton	Anne Stintzer	Regional Development Australia Fitzroy and Central West	National and international issues affecting the region
2015	Rockhampton	Carina Gunning-Transit	ABARES	Growing central Queensland's agricultural competitiveness
2015	Rockhampton	Jeffrey Schirale	ABARES	Commodity outlook for Queensland
2015	Rockhampton	Benjamin Moseley	Bureau of Meteorology	Breeding beef cattle
2015	Rockhampton	CANCELLED ON THE DAY	Bureau of Meteorology	Decisions in a variable climate - lessons from the past
2015	Rockhampton	Mark Krabben	Laguna Bay	Leading the breed in times – raising capital for farming
2015	Rockhampton	Karla Knutson	Kingston Cattle	Reading between the lines – raising capital for farming
2015	Rockhampton	Rebecca Michael	Queensland Transport and Logistics Council	Low cost superior beef genetics
2015	Rockhampton	Joe Muscat	Oxenden	Driving supply chain productivity
2015	Rockhampton	Ian MacGibbon	Amelaide, St Lawrence	When the past is no longer the best guide
2015	SerVICES	Senator David Johnston	Senate	Can fibre crops add value to the Australian sugar industry?
2015	SerVICES	James Pinner	Westpac	Adapting to a changing climate
2015	SerVICES	Chris Moore	Westpac Agribusiness	Opening address
2015	SerVICES	John Collins	ABARES	National and international issues affecting the region
2015	SerVICES	David Fienberg	Australian Export Grains Innovation Centre	Accessing capital for the Asian opportunity
2015	SerVICES	Steve Middleton	National Livestock Advisory Committee	Commodity outlook for Western Australia
2015	SerVICES	Kevin Serpin	Bureau of Meteorology	Where next for Western Australia growing the grains industry?
2015	SerVICES	Kate Mason	Kite-Joy's Free Range Eggs	What future for West Australian agriculture?
2015	SerVICES	Wayne Dodge	Adapted to changing business environments	When the past is no longer the best guide
2015	SerVICES	Simon Weeks	Adapted to changing business environments	Crowing about eggs – let's talk with consumers
2015	SerVICES	Dan Tehan MP	Federal Member for Wanneroo	Australian fisheries – capitalising on a good thing
2015	SerVICES	James Pinner	ABARES	What the best broadacre producers will tell you the rest
2015	SerVICES	Jonas Christie	Central Bank – Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	Opening address
2015	SerVICES	Hannah Marriot	Nuffield Australia, etc.	National and international issues affecting the region
2015	SerVICES	Xi Chuan	Changchun City	Commodity outlook for Victoria
2015	SerVICES	Andrew Blain	Southwest CMA Council	Measuring progress: activity AND lamb quality
2015	SerVICES	Vernon Carr	Bureau of Meteorology	Creating Chinese-Australian agricultural trade
2015	SerVICES	Alminda Garner	Australian Agroforestry Foundation	Creation: Chinese-Australian and climate intelligence
2015	SerVICES	Jack Dryden	Exploiting Pastoral and Dairy Australia	When the past is no longer the best guide
2015	SerVICES	Michael Nagoska	Waltonia Farms	New opportunities for agroforestry
2015	SerVICES	Graham Hartsyker MP	Federal Member for Cooper	Lessons from dairy on climate change adaptation
2015	SerVICES	John Collins	ABARES	Fantastic fix – fabulous food opportunity
2015	SerVICES	Luke Brown	Rural Bank	Opening address
2015	SerVICES	Tish Gleason	ABARES	National and international issues affecting the region
2015	SerVICES	Nicola Ray	Nuffield Australia	Agriculture driving regional production
2015	SerVICES	Felicity Gamble	Bureau of Meteorology	Commodity outlook for NSW
2015	SerVICES	Mark Radford	NORCO	Protected cropping – horticulture expansion
2015	SerVICES	Robert Curtillo	Thuring Business – changing environment	When the past is no longer the best guide
2015	SerVICES	Henry Sheehan	Wilton Park	Milk into China – developing export markets
2015	SerVICES	Jack Graham	Groonga, Nuffield Australia	Looking for commercial returns and climate intelligence
2015	SerVICES	Eric Hutchinson MP	Federal Member for Lyons	Sustainability – common sense for cattle business
2016	Hobart	Karen Schneider	ABARES	On-farm communications technology
2016	Hobart	Paul Zarball	Australian	Opening address
2016	Hobart	Bureau of Meteorology	Investing in primary industries and growing our future	National and international issues affecting agriculture
2016	Hobart	Caroline Gunning-Transit	ABARES	Exporting opportunities in agriculture
2016	Hobart	Andrew Bading	ABARES	Exporting opportunities in agriculture
2016	Hobart	Nicola Morris	Tasmanian Institute	Investing in primary industries and growing our future
2016	Hobart	Robert Curtillo	ABARES	Emerging opportunities and local issues
2016	Hobart	David Backen	Forest Vegetation Hazards	Emerging opportunities and local issues
2016	Hobart	Niel Slump	Oystel Tasmania	Emerging opportunities and local issues
2016	Hobart	Emily Gray	Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies	Emerging opportunities and local issues
2016	Port Lincoln	Barbara Ramsey MP	Federal Member for Grey	Opening address
2016	Port Lincoln	Janette Pinner	ABARES	National and international issues affecting South Australia
2016	Port Lincoln	Michael Crowder	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Agriculture, Trade, foreign investment and PTAs – The Australian situation
2016	Port Lincoln	Andrew Ryle	Bureau of Meteorology	Growing together with water, climate and climate intelligence
2016	Port Lincoln	David Mobbs	ABARES	Commodity outlook and issues
2016	Port Lincoln	Kristina MacDonald	Glenworth, Coppe SA	Achieving sustainable growth in grain farming
2016	Port Lincoln	Samuel Fitzgerald	Meruma	The value of an efficient supply chain to global market supply chain
2016	Port Lincoln	Robert Curtillo	ABARES	Fisheries outlook and issues
2016	Port Lincoln	Sarah Powell	Champions Academy	Developing future leaders and reinvigorating rural communities
2016	Port Lincoln	Shane Filling	Group Fishing	Producing a high quality product with sustainable practices
2016	Port Lincoln	Jedd Routledge	Natural Oysters	How, why and where to: a snapshot of the SA oyster industry
2016	Perth	Michelle Schneider	ABARES	National and international issues affecting agriculture
2016	Darwin	Mark Coffey	Office of Northern Australia	The role of the Office of Northern Australia in agriculture
2016	Darwin	Stephen Radzicki	ANZ	Investing in rural industries – growing our future
2016	Darwin	Caroline Gunning-Transit	Bureau of Meteorology	
2016	Darwin	Caroline Gunning-Transit	ABARES	Growing the northern beef industry
2016	Darwin	Geoff Dawkins	ABARES	Growing the northern beef industry
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2017	Darwin	Saramat Ruckiaw	Tou's Garden	Expanding and diversifying northern agriculture in a changing environment	Growing a sustainable horticulture business in the Top End
2017	Arsart	Senator Bridget McKenzie	Secretary for Victoria	Opening address	Opening address
2017	Arsart	Peter Gooday	ABARES	Innovation in agriculture – capturing the opportunities	Big picture issues affecting agriculture in Victoria
2017	Arsart	Michael Dean	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Innovation in agriculture – capturing the opportunities	Free Trade Agreements: agriculture, trade and foreign investment – the Australian situation
2017	Arsart	Rohan Nelson	ABARES	Innovation in broadacre agriculture	Commodity outlook and issues
2017	Arsart	Michael Craig	Tulzona Pastoral / Nuffield Scholar	Innovation in broadacre agriculture	Australian sheep meat: a commodity or premium product
2017	Arsart	Ben Plessy	Precision Agriculture	Innovation in broadacre agriculture	Data, insight, action: increasing productivity in agriculture with digital technology
2017	Arsart	Charles De Fegely	Quamby	Innovation in broadacre agriculture	Raising sheep enterprises profits with sustainable innovation
2017	Arsart	David Drage	Wakenley Farm / Nuffield Scholar	Adapting agriculture to a drier climate	The challenges of climate change and farming in a dry climate
2017	Arsart	Chris Spouness	Reviva Coppins Group	Adapting agriculture to a drier climate	Improving moisture management in dryland farming
2017	Arsart	Simon Louvis	QWMT water	Adapting agriculture to a drier climate	Securing a reliable water supply for stock and other agricultural uses
2017	Devonport	Keith Pitt MP	Assistant Minister for Trade, Tourism and	Opening address	Opening address
2017	Devonport	Peter Gooday	ABARES	Innovation in agriculture – capturing the opportunities	Big picture issues affecting agriculture in Tasmania
2017	Devonport	Lorraine Gordon	Farming Together	Innovation in agriculture – capturing the opportunities	Increasing returns through collaboration
2017	Devonport	Peter Collins	ABARES	Innovation in Tasmanian livestock industries	Commodity outlook and issues
2017	Devonport	Dave Fields	Fields Agri	Innovation in Tasmanian livestock industries	Innovative use of once a day milking with a large herd
2017	Devonport	Trevor Fleming	Greenhatch	Innovation in Tasmanian livestock industries	Paddock to plate 2.0 – processing and marketing beef in a digital age
2017	Devonport	Tom Shale	Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture	Innovation in Tasmanian livestock industries	Dairy beef and the application of lean management in agriculture
2017	Devonport	David James	Bureau of Meteorology	Growing rural industries in a changing environment	Weather forecasts and climate outlooks: keeping up with the latest
2017	Devonport	Josh Wing	Harvest Moon	Growing rural industries in a changing environment	The benefits of precision agriculture in vegetable production
2017	Devonport	Rebecca Duffy	Horn Oak Vineyards	Growing rural industries in a changing environment	Growing a wine business with innovative approaches to selling
2017	Devonport	Roger Stanley	Centre for Food Innovation	Growing rural industries in a changing environment	Opportunities enabled by MARS microwave food processing to increase value capture from
2017	Kununurra	Melissa Price MP	Member for Durack	Innovation in agriculture – capturing the opportunities	Opening address
2017	Kununurra	Alister Dandson	ABARES	Innovation in agriculture – capturing the opportunities	Big picture issues affecting northern agriculture
2017	Kununurra	Lorraine Gordon	Farming Together	Innovation in agriculture – capturing the opportunities	Increasing returns through collaboration
2017	Kununurra	Rohan Nelson	ABARES	Growing the northern cattle industry	Commodity outlook and issues
2017	Kununurra	Simon Westaway	Australian Livestock Exporters' Council	Growing the northern cattle industry	Winning the hearts and minds of the Australian public on live exports
2017	Kununurra	Rick Ford	Hancock Prospecting	Growing the northern cattle industry	Using technology to drive up cattle industry productivity
2017	Kununurra	Chris Lawlor	International Animal Health Products	Growing the northern cattle industry	Biological control of livestock parasites
2017	Kununurra	Mark Coffey	Office of Northern Australia	Expanding and diversifying northern agriculture in a changing environment	The Office of Northern Australia and our role in expanding northern agriculture
2017	Kununurra	Jan Engelke	Kimberley Agricultural Investment	Expanding and diversifying northern agriculture in a changing environment	Building the Old
2017	Kununurra	Glen Cook	Bureau of Meteorology	Expanding and diversifying northern agriculture in a changing environment	Climate variability and change: what might the future hold for the Kimberley?
2017	Kununurra	Steve Maczall	Saradale	Expanding and diversifying northern agriculture in a changing environment	Farming in the Old – a dam success
2017	Toowoomba	Senator Barry O'Sullivan	Senator for Queensland	Innovation in agriculture – capturing the opportunities	Opening address
2017	Toowoomba	Peter Gooday	ABARES	Innovation in agriculture – capturing the opportunities	Big picture issues affecting Queensland
2017	Toowoomba	Michael Dean	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Innovation in agriculture – capturing the opportunities	Free Trade Agreements: agriculture, trade, and foreign investment – the Australian situation
2017	Toowoomba	Andrew Cameron	ABARES	Innovation in broadacre agriculture	Commodity outlook and issues
2017	Toowoomba	Chris Hood	GrainX	Innovation in broadacre agriculture	Setting grain to markets efficiently
2017	Toowoomba	Yim Neale	Premise Agriculture	Innovation in broadacre agriculture	Digital technology, big data and agricultural productivity
2017	Toowoomba	Chris Lawlor	International Animal Health Products	Innovation in broadacre agriculture	Biological control of livestock parasites
2017	Toowoomba	Joel Lionbome	Bureau of Meteorology	Intensive and irrigated agriculture in a changing environment	Look out for the outlook
2017	Toowoomba	Adam McVeigh	Monrore Homestead	Intensive and irrigated agriculture in a changing environment	Extracting value from irrigation infrastructure
2017	Toowoomba	David Bray	Dianella Milling / Golden Cockerel	Intensive and irrigated agriculture in a changing environment	Production of high quality and efficient poultry in a changing environment
2017	Toowoomba	Nigel Cornish	New Leaf Ag	Intensive and irrigated agriculture in a changing environment	Growing irrigated cotton with sustainable methods
2017	Tamworth	Senator Bridget McKenzie	Senator for Victoria	Innovation in agriculture – capturing the opportunities	Opening address
2017	Tamworth	Steve Hatfield-Dodds	ABARES	Innovation in agriculture – capturing the opportunities	Big picture issues affecting New South Wales
2017	Tamworth	Michael Dean	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Innovation in agriculture – capturing the opportunities	Free Trade Agreements: agriculture, trade, and foreign investment
2017	Tamworth	Rohan Nelson	ABARES	Innovation in livestock enterprises	Commodity outlook and issues
2017	Tamworth	Derek Bromfield	The Concoque Farmer	Innovation in livestock enterprises	From paddock to plate sustainably
2017	Tamworth	Chris Lawlor	International Animal Health Products	Innovation in livestock enterprises	Biological control of livestock parasites
2017	Tamworth	Guy Hobbiewhite	Praxidum Agri Management	Innovation in livestock enterprises	Efficient poultry production with world's best practice
2017	Tamworth	Stephen Leblond	Bureau of Meteorology	Growing crops and collaboration in a changing environment	Better information, better decisions
2017	Tamworth	Neal Hughes	ABARES	Growing crops and collaboration in a changing environment	Climate adjusted productivity on cropping farms: the slowdown and the rebound
2017	Tamworth	Andrew Watson	Kimarnock Farming	Growing crops and collaboration in a changing environment	Economic benefits of sustainable cropping
2017	Tamworth	Lorraine Gordon	Farming Together	Growing crops and collaboration in a changing environment	Increasing returns through collaboration