

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Staff Awards

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. Has the Department / Agency given out awards to staff for any reason? If yes:
 - a) What was the reason for the awards?
 - b) What was the criteria for the awards?
 - c) What form did the award take? (e.g. Certificate, gift vouchers etc)
 - d) How much was spent on the award?
2. How were the awards presented?
3. Who presented the awards?
4. Was there a ceremony or party for the awards? If yes:
 - a) Where was it held?
 - b) Was there a fee for the venue? If yes, how much?
 - c) How much was spent on catering?
 - d) How many people attended?
 - e) Did the minister attend?
 - f) Did the minister's staff attend? If yes, how many?

Answer:

1. Yes.
 - a) The department holds an annual public service Australia Day Awards, an initiative of the National Australia Day Council. Areas across the department also coordinate their own staff recognition activities as part of their normal business.
 - b) Australia Day Awards are peer nominated for individuals and teams in four categories: Service, Leadership, Relationships, and Innovation.
 - c) Recipients are given a certificate and an official National Australia Day Council medallion.
 - d) All certificates are produced in house. Australia Day Award medallions are required to be sourced directly from the National Australia Day Council at a cost of \$25 each.
2. The 2016 Australia Day Awards were presented at an all staff event.
3. Secretary Martin Bowles.

4. An all staff event was held.
 - a) Hellenic Club, Woden.
 - b) Venue hire was \$1,480.
 - c) Catering was \$4,825.
 - d) An estimated 750 people attended the event.
 - e) No.
 - f) No.