

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 5-6 JUNE 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment

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Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

- a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date including any catering and drinks costs.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- d) 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.
- e) 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.
- f) 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.
- g) 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.
- h) 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.
- i) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

Answer:

- a) The combined hospitality, food and beverage spend from 1 March 2014 to 31 May 2014 is \$238,171. This includes expenditure on tea, coffee, and biscuits for community support services such as Financial Information Service seminars and CRS Australia customer meetings.
- b) Nil.
- c) Nil.
- d) Nil.
- e) The department does not forecast for these expenses at this level.
- f) Nil.
- g) Nil.
- h) Nil.
- i) No.