

## Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 23-24 OCTOBER 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

#### Department of Human Services

**Topic:** G20 - Expenses

**Question reference number:** HS 54

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Type of question:** Written

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#### **Question:**

- a) Please provide an itemised table of all expenses incurred by the department since September 7, 2013 associated with official G20 and related working group, taskforce, roundtable, Sherpa meetings, workshop and study groups, events, including but not limited to hospitality, accommodation, transport, recreation, merchandise, meals/drinks, catering, security.

For each item, please provide:

- 1) The name of the event/meeting that the expense related to.
  - 2) The location of the event.
  - 3) The date of the event.
  - 4) The name and ABN of the service provider.
  - 5) Advise whether the contract was awarded through an open tender process.
  - 6) The total value of the contract/invoice.
  - 7) The date the contract was executed by the Department.
  - 8) The number of attendees at the event, if applicable.
  - 9) Advise whether an Australian Government Minister was in attendance. Please detail.
  - 10) Advise whether foreign delegates were in attendance. Please detail.
- b) Advise whether the contract/expenditure was approved by the Prime Minister's Office, and if so the date that approval was sought and granted.

#### **Answer:**

- a) The costs incurred by the department relating to the G20 meeting held in Brisbane related to internal arrangements, such as business continuity processes and staff relocation from the CBD. The department also absorbed the salary expense of staff that assisted short-term with the administration of the meeting. To prepare an itemised table of these costs would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
- b) Not applicable.