

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 155

Topic: Meeting costs

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How much has the Department/Agency spent on meeting costs? 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 Estimates, 2014 to date. 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? 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? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.

Answer:

1. The Department's meeting expenditure from 1 June 2014 to 31 August 2014 was \$47,128.57 (ex GST). The level of detailed information requested regarding meetings is not readily available for the Department. To identify this information would require a significant diversion of resources.
2. The Ministers' and Parliamentary Secretary's offices costs are managed by the Department of Finance (Finance) and therefore this question should be directed to Finance.
3. Meetings are held for business purposes when required. The level of detailed information requested regarding meetings is not readily available for the Department. To identify this information would require a significant diversion of resources.
4. The Ministers' and Parliamentary Secretary's offices costs are managed by Finance and therefore this question should be directed to Finance.