

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Hearings February 2016

Communications Portfolio

Special Broadcasting Service

Question No: 188(c)

Special Broadcasting Service

Hansard Ref: Written 19/2/2016

Topic: Meeting Costs

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

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

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 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. 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 & 3. SBS regularly engages in external meetings with different stakeholder these meeting sometimes include catering. To provide a breakdown of these costs would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

2. Not Applicable