

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Senator Ludwig asked:

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

1. Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister .
Include:
 - a) The guest list of each function
 - b) The party or individual who initiated the request for the function
 - c) The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function
 - d) A list of drinks consumed at the function
2. Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office. Breakdown by item, quantity and cost.

Answer:

The Department did not meet the costs of formal functions and/or costs for forms of hospitality for the Minister in relation to his portfolio responsibilities during the period from 15 September 2015 to 31 January 2016.

The Department does not keep, nor has any record of alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Ministers office.

Details of expenditure on entitlements is compiled every six months in a report titled Parliamentarians' Expenditure on Entitlements paid by the Department of Finance. The reports and supporting information are published on the Department of Finance website.