

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Hearings May 2014

Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications

Question No: 677

Program No. Corporate and Business

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend 25 February 2014 to date including any catering and drinks costs.
2. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from 25 February 2014 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

Answer:

1-2. Details of the Department's hospitality expenditure from 1 February 2014 to 30 April 2014 is provided in the table below. The Department's financial management system does not allow for a distinction between spending on 'hospitality' and 'entertainment'. Any entertainment expenses will be included within the total hospitality expense.

Date	Location	Purpose	Total (GST Excl)
19/2/14	Canberra	Meeting with Japanese Delegation to discuss broadband networks and National Digital Economy	\$98.99
20/2/14	Canberra	Data sharing and Efficiency Working Group Meeting	\$690.82
24/2/14	Canberra	Working Lunch for retune Campaign Team and external representatives	\$85.45

3. The Department does not currently have any hospitality planned that has been agreed and announced by government.
4. The Department does not currently have any entertainment planned that has been agreed and announced by government.
5. The Department has no specific plans to reduce its spending on these items.