

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

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**Question No: 451**

**Program No. ACMA**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs.
2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
3. What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
5. 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.
6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
7. 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.
8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

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**Answer:**

1. Hospitality spend from 01 June 2014 to 31 October 2014 is \$18,282.
2. There is no hospitality spend for either the Minister or the Parliamentary Secretary's office for the period.
3. Entertainment spend from 01 June 2014 to 31 October 2014 is \$673. The item of expenditure relates to all staff drinks in the Sydney office on 03 July 2014 and includes catering and drinks.
4. There is no entertainment spend for either the Minister or the Parliamentary Secretary's office for the period.
5. Estimated hospitality spend for the period 1 November 2014 to 30 June 2015 is less than \$14,783. The expected spend relates to award ceremony gifts for the Australia Day awards in January and Chairman's awards and various meetings of the Chairman and ACMA Executive of which specific details are unknown.
6. There is no estimated hospitality spend for either the Minister or the Parliamentary Secretary's office at this stage.
7. Estimated entertainment spend for the period 1 November to 30 June 2015 is less than \$500.
8. There is no estimated entertainment spend for either the Minister or the Parliamentary Secretary's office.
9. The ACMA continually reviews all areas of expenditure for savings throughout the year, including hospitality and entertainment.