

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2014**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Special Broadcasting Service**

**Question No: 474**

**Program No. Special Broadcasting Service**

**Hansard Ref: Hansard** In writing

**Topic:** G20 – expenses

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

Please provide an itemised table of all expenses incurred by the department since September 7, 2013 associated with official G20 and related working group, taskforce, roundtable, Sherpa meetings, workshop and study groups) events, including but not limited to hospitality, accommodation, transport, recreation, merchandise, meals/drinks, catering, security.

For each item, please provide:

1. The name of the event/meeting that the expense related to.
2. The location of the event.
3. The date of the event.
4. The name and ABN of the service provider.
5. Advise whether the contract was awarded through an open tender process.
6. The total value of the contract/invoice.
7. The date the contract was executed by the Department.
8. The number of attendees at the event, if applicable.
9. Advise whether an Australian Government Minister was in attendance. Please detail.
10. Advise whether foreign delegates were in attendance. Please detail.

Advise whether the contract/expenditure was approved by the Prime Minister's Office, and if so the date that approval was sought and granted.

**Answer**

SBS worked on a commercial contract to host broadcasting services to the G20 for the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet's G20 Taskforce, as part of a commercial arrangement with Global TV. No SBS expenditure was committed beyond that contract or our normal news gathering activities.

To provide the specific details about the activities requested in questions 1-10 would require an unnecessary diversion of resources, particularly given they are outside the scope of activities that are implied by the question.