

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Communications Portfolio

Special Broadcasting Service

Question No: 531

Program No. Special Broadcasting Service

Hansard Ref: Hansard 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?

Answers

1. For the period 1 May to 31 October 2014 is:

SBS has spent \$386,000 on a number of commercial sales related events for advertisers and media buyers, including annual agency events, and World Cup and Cycling related events.

2. Not applicable
3. Refer to (1)
4. Not applicable

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5. SBS plans on only a modest amount of spending consistent with recent expenditure.
6. Not applicable
7. SBS plans on only a modest amount of spending consistent with recent expenditure.
8. Not applicable
9. SBS spends only a modest amount on hospitality and entertainment but looks to achieve savings wherever it is possible in order to operate as efficiently and effectively as possible.