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Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2014
Communications Portfolio
Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Question No: 643

Program No. Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Meeting Costs

Senator Ludwig asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How much has the Department/Agency spent on meeting costs? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Estimates, 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.
3. What meeting 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. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.

Answer:

1. From 1 June to 30 November 2014, the ABC spent \$173,000 on staff refreshments (excluding staff refreshments provided at training courses and any conferences). Staff refreshments include expenditure on items such as working lunches and coffee, tea or bottled water at meetings. The ABC does not separately identify costs associated with meetings due to the high volume and small nature of the transactions.
2. Not applicable
3. The ABC is currently forecasting to spend an additional \$202,000 on staff refreshments for the period 1 December 2014 to 30 June 2015.
4. Not applicable.