

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

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Additional Estimates

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**Question: AET 1198**

**Topic: Christmas party costs (APRA)**

**Written: 5 March 2014**

**Senator LUDWIG asked:**

1198. List what functions were held by the department/agency for either Christmas or end of calendar year since 7 September 2013
- What was the cost of each of these functions?
  - How was the money identified?
  - What was the location of these functions?
  - Provide a table of food and alcohol purchased for the function.

**Answer:**

1198. Since 7 September 2013, the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) held the Christmas or end of calendar year functions for staff in each of its offices as set out in the table below:

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Location	Cost
Sydney	\$ 24,846.74
Melbourne	\$ 4,657.70
Perth	\$ 518.88
Brisbane	\$ 1,100.58
Adelaide	\$ 491.78

The table reflects the actual cost to APRA after fundraising activities throughout the year and direct staff contributions to attend the function.

- Money to host these events is identified through existing internal budget processes.
- The time required to provide the requested level of detail would not be an efficient, effective and economic use of Commonwealth resources.