

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: AET 2030-2034

Topic: Hospitality and entertainment - ACNC

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Senator LUDWIG asked:

1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date including any catering and drinks costs.
2. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
3. 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.
4. 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. h) 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.
5. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

Answer:

1. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, the ACNC has not spent any funds on official hospitality.
2. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, the ACNC has spent \$447.10 on entertainment. The event was the ACNC Advisory Board dinner, held on 31 January 2014 in Carlton, Victoria.

The ACNC Advisory Board opted to have their meals paid for, rather than receive the meal allowance they are entitled to receive per the Remuneration Tribunal determination. On both occasions, the meal allowance was higher than the cost of the meals provided.

3. At present the ACNC has no planned hospitality spend.
4. The next ACNC Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for 9 May 2014 in Brisbane. Details have not yet been confirmed, however the ACNC estimates entertainment expenditure of \$500 or less.