

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: ACCC

Question: AET 305-313

Topic: Hospitality and entertainment

Reference: written - 19 February 2016

Senator: Ludwig, Joe/Wong, Penny

Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

305. What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs.

306. 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.

307. What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

308. 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.

309. 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.

310. 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.

311. 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.

312. 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.

313. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

Answer:

305. Hospitality and entertainment spend is not classified separately in the ACCC accounts. Please refer to 305 for a listing of hospitality and entertainment expenditure.

306. Nil.

307. Hospitality and entertainment spend from 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016 total \$5,746 (excluding GST). These are listed below:

Date	Hospitality/Entertainment	Location	Amount (\$)
October 2015	OECD Dinner Department of Foreign Affairs	Paris	1,282
November 2015	Prime Ministers Award Gala Dinner	Sydney	345

Date	Hospitality/Entertainment	Location	Amount (\$)
November 2015	Gas Inquiry Team Planning Day Dinner	Canberra	520
December 2015	Agricultural Enforcement and Engagement Unit - Team Workshop Dinner	Melbourne	491
November 2015	Utility Regulators Dinner	Melbourne	2,724
December 2015	Dinner with Energy Regulators and Industry	Melbourne	383
TOTAL			5,746

308. Nil.

309. Hospitality expenditure is not specifically budgeted.

310. Nil.

311. Entertainment expenditure is not specifically budgeted.

312. Nil.

313. There are no specific plans to reduce expenditure at the hospitality and entertainment level.