

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

**Department/Agency: ASIC**

**Question: AET 341-349**

**Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment**

**Reference: written - 19 February 2016**

**Senator: Ludwig, Joe**

**Question:**

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

341. What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs.
342. 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.
343. What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
344. 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.
345. 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.
346. 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.
347. 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.
348. 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.
3479. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

**Answer:**

341. Hospitality expenditure including any catering and drinks costs from 1 October 2015 to 29 February 2016 was \$72,331.

- 342. Not applicable.
- 343. ASIC did not incur any entertainment expenditure including any catering and drinks costs from 1 October 2015 to 29 February 2016.
- 344. Not applicable.
- 345. No specific details around planned hospitality for 2015-16 are readily available.
- 346. Not applicable.
- 347. There is no planned entertainment spend for 2015-16.
- 348. Not applicable.
- 349. Business unit budgets within ASIC are reduced in order to realise required Commission wide savings, leaving senior executive leaders the scope to align expenditure with their priorities through business plans.