

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Treasury Portfolio**  
 Budget Estimates 2014  
 3 June to 5 June 2014

**Department/ Agency:** ABS

**Question:** BET 1241-1244

**Topic:** Hospitality and Entertainment

**Reference:** Written – 12 June 2014

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Question:**

1241. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date including any catering and drinks costs.
1242. 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.
1243. 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.
1244. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

**Answer:**

1241. The Australian Bureau of Statistics did not receive any additional appropriation in the Supplementary Budget Estimates. The Australian Bureau of Statistics has spent \$3,368.33 (exclusive of GST) from its Annual Appropriation from 1 March 2014 to 30 June 2014 on Hospitality/Entertainment including any catering and drinks costs.

These amounts relate to expenditure used to facilitate the conduct of public business within and between Commonwealth agencies; or with external organisations and agencies; or with external organisations or individuals with related vocational, technical or business interests.

The date, location, purpose and cost of all events are listed in the attached Table 1.

- 1242 - 1244. Spending proposals are decided on a case by case basis with consideration of the purpose for hospitality/entertainment, which is to facilitate the conduct of public business within and between Commonwealth agencies; or with external organisations and agencies; or with external organisations or individuals with related vocational, technical or business interests.

**Table 1: Hospitality/Entertainment:**

Hospitality – Senate Estimates YTD Expenditure:

Date	State	City	Purpose	Amount (Excl GST)\$
01/04/2014	ACT	Canberra	Official Visit - New Zealand and Canada Delegates	\$ 1,679.09
30/06/2014	ACT	Canberra	Official Visit - Naru Delegate	\$ 193.64
30/06/2014	ACT	Canberra	Official Visit - Indonesian NSO Delegate	\$ 1,495.60
Total Hospitality Expenditure March - June 2014				\$ 3,368.33