

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

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**Department/ Agency:** Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

**Question:** BET 1425-1426

**Topic:** Meeting costs

**Reference:** Written - 12 June 2014

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Question:**

1425. What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.

1426. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

**Answer:**

1425. The ACCC's meeting expenditure from 1 March 2014 to 31 May 2014 is \$2464.30.

The details of the expenditure are in the below table.

Date	Location	Purpose	Costs (\$)
01/03/2014	Adelaide	Enforcement operations	1.25
01/03/2014	Melbourne	General Admin, non-core work activities	5.45
01/03/2014	Sydney	Enforcement operations	1.25
01/03/2014	Adelaide	Enforcement operations	1.25
01/03/2014	Melbourne	Enforcement operations	38.18
01/03/2014	Adelaide	Enforcement operations	48.00
01/03/2014	Melbourne	Development of a summer internship program	30.00
01/03/2014	Melbourne	Phase II Energy Made Easy	112.00
6/03/2014	Darwin	Enforcement operations	88.91
12/03/2014	Melbourne	Enforcement operations	10.21
19/03/2014	Melbourne	Enforcement operations	212.91
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			36.00
25/03/2014	Melbourne	AER Customer Consultative Group	290.20
26/03/2014	Melbourne	Enforcement operations	297.09
27/03/2014	Canberra	Enforcement operations	64.50
27/03/2014	Hobart	Enforcement operations	8.36
31/03/2014	Canberra	Senior Management Conference 2014	275.45
2/04/2014	Darwin	Enforcement operations	74.91
5/04/2014	Canberra	Senior Management Conference 2014	152.50
8/04/2014	Canberra	Senior Management Conference 2014	103.00
8/04/2014	Melbourne	AER Coordination - Executive Travel	17.00
8/04/2014	Sydney	Enforcement operations	90.24
9/04/2014	Sydney	Enforcement operations	42.46
10/04/2014	Sydney	Enforcement operations	189.18
17/04/2014	Canberra	Merger investigations	33.00
20/05/2014	Canberra	General Admin, non-core work activities	120.50
21/05/2014	Canberra	General Admin, non-core work activities	120.50
<b>Total Cost for period 1 March to 31 May 2014</b>			<b>2,464.30</b>

1426. The planned expenditure on meetings is \$42,000 for the full 2013-14 financial year. The budget for this expenditure is not planned down to the external/internal meeting level.

The ACCC sets the meetings budget based on previous financial year expenditure and adjusts for savings measures and cost reductions.