

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

20-21 November 2013

Question: **SBT 500-504**

Topic: **Hospitality and Entertainment**

Written: **25 November 2013**

Senators LUDWIG and WONG asked:

500. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for all the events provided under 'Meeting Costs' including any catering and drinks costs.
501. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from 7 September 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
502. 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.
503. 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.
504. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are they?

Answer:

500. Hospitality and Entertainment spend is classified separately in the ACCC accounts, as such to provide information specifically on hospitality spend would constitute an unreasonable diversion of resources.
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502. Hospitality expenditure is contained in the Budget of the section that undertakes the hospitality.
503. Entertainment expenditure is contained in the Budget of the section that undertakes the entertainment.
504. All expenditure is carefully assessed on a case by case basis before it is undertaken.