

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: SBT 515-519

Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment

Written: 25 November 2013

Senators LUDWIG and WONG asked:

515. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for all the events provided under 'Meeting Costs' including any catering and drinks costs
516. 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.
517. 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.
518. 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
519. 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:

515. Hospitality expenditure for events provided under meeting costs was \$4,272.
516. There was no entertainment spend from 7 September to 30 November 2013.
517. Hospitality expenditure for 2013/14 is estimated to be in line with expenditure in previous years at \$85,216. No specific details around planned hospitality for 2014 are readily available.
518. There is no planned entertainment spend for the 2013-14 financial year.
519. Business unit budgets are reduced in order to realise required ASIC wide savings, leaving senior executive leaders the scope to align expenditure with their priorities through business plans.