

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates**

20-21 November 2013

**Question: SBT 535-539**

**Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment**

**Written: 25 November 2013**

**Senators LUDWIG & WONG asked:**

535. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for all the events provided under 'Meeting Costs' including any catering and drinks costs?
536. 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.
537. 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.
538. 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.
539. 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:**

535. The Commission does not record data at this level in respect of meetings. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of agency resources.

536, 537 and 538.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cost (GST Exclusive)</b>
22/10/2013 To 24/10/2013	Canberra	Graduates Induction Dinner and Program	372.89
06/11/2013	Melbourne	Productivity Commission Annual Richard Snape Lecture –hospitality for attendees at the Lecture and dinner with the Lecturer and invited guests	4,832.55
		<b>Total for 2013-14 as at 30 November 2013</b>	<b>\$5,205.44</b>

539. The Commission considers the need for official hospitality expenditure on a case by case basis.