

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

**TOPIC:** G20 - expenses

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Ludwig

**QUESTION No.:** SI-127

Please provide an itemised table of all expenses incurred by the department since September 7, 2013 associated with official G20 and related working group, taskforce, roundtable, Sherpa meetings, workshop and study groups) events, including but not limited to hospitality, accommodation, transport, recreation, merchandise, meals/drinks, catering, security.

For each item, please provide:

1. The name of the event/meeting that the expense related to.
2. The location of the event.
3. The date of the event.
4. The name and ABN of the service provider.
5. Advise whether the contract was awarded through an open tender process.
6. The total value of the contract/invoice.
7. The date the contract was executed by the Department.
8. The number of attendees at the event, if applicable.
9. Advise whether an Australian Government Minister was in attendance. Please detail.
10. Advise whether foreign delegates were in attendance. Please detail.
11. Advise whether the contract/expenditure was approved by the Prime Minister's Office, and if so the date that approval was sought and granted.

**ANSWER**

1. A direct response to questions 1 to 7 is not provided. The data to create such a report spans multiple finance systems across financial years. The time it would take to accurately respond to questions 1-7 would result in an unreasonable diversion of staff time.

In response to these questions we have provided information regarding the three Energy Sustainability Working Group (ESWG) meetings and the G20 – International Energy Forum (IEF) Gas Market Dialogue. This also includes costs not directly attributable to suppliers of ESGW meetings such as travel to Sherpa meetings and the Clean Energy Ministerial meeting in Korea. Costs incurred after 31 October are not included in this response.

2/3 Dates of the three ESGW meetings and associated workshops were:

- a. ESGW1 - two day workshop and two day meeting on 10-13 February 2014, Melbourne.
  - b. ESGW2 - one day workshop and two day meeting on 28-30 May 2014, Sydney.
  - c. ESGW3 - one day workshop and two day meeting on 25-27 August 2014, Brisbane.
  - d. Gas Market Dialogue – one day meeting on 11 November 2014, Mexico.
- 4 The number of invoices for all G20 meetings and workshops held since September 2013 is significant and it is not practical to report these individually. Aggregate G20 ESGW meeting and workshop expenses to 31 October 2014 are listed in Table 1.

- 5 Contracts above the relevant threshold were let through the limited tender process. As required under the procurement rules all limited tender contracts were published on AusTender.
- 6 The total amount of all invoices is \$305,209 as at 31 October 2014.

Table 1 Expenditure as at 31 October 2014	
Item	
Domestic Travel meals & incidentals	\$2,458
Domestic Airfares and booking costs	\$15,318
Domestic accommodation	\$19,525
Transport including Taxis	\$4,966
Overseas Travel	\$12,431
Speakers Travel	\$41,239
Staff Development & Training	\$209
Office Supplies	\$78
Legal & Finance Expenses	\$227
Official Hospitality including Catering	\$53,675
Venue Hire/Conference/Seminar	\$155,083
<u>Total as at 31 October 2014</u>	<u>\$305,209</u>

- 7 Refer to the response to question 1.
- 8 Final registrations for the three ESWG meetings (including workshops) were:
  - e. ESWG1– 96 registered attendees.
  - f. ESWG2– 105 registered attendees.
  - g. ESWG3– 117 registered attendees.
  - h. Gas Market Dialogue – 40 registered attendees.
- 9 An Australian Government Minister was not in attendance at the meetings.
- 10 Delegates from each of the G20 countries, plus representatives from invited countries and relevant international organisations and international organisations attended the ESWG meetings. The international organisations included the International Energy Agency, International Energy Forum, International Gas Union, Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation, Gas Exporting Countries Forum, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, International Organisation of Securities Commissions and the World Bank.
  - a. ESWG1 – out of the 96 registered attendees, 70 were foreign delegates.
  - b. ESWG2 – out of the 105 registered attendees, 66 were foreign delegates.
  - c. ESWG3 - out of the 117 registered attendees, 84 were foreign delegates.
  - d. Gas Market Dialogue – out of the 40 registered attendees, 3 were Australian based.
- 11 The Department met its reporting requirements as stipulated under its Memorandum of Understanding with Prime Minister and Cabinet.