

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2014 - 2015

Department/Agency: ACNC

Question: SBT 4206 - 4210

Topic: Hospitality and entertainment

Reference: Written - 30 October 2014

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

- 4206. What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs.
- 4207. What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- 4208. 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.
- 4209. 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.
- 4210. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

Answer:

- 4206. The ACNC has spent \$3,226 on catering and non-alcoholic beverages during this period.
Additional catering was spent for the Ask ACNC sessions (which provided information about the ACNC and charity's obligations) – this is covered in the response to SBT 4204 – 4205 Meeting costs.
- 4207. An ACNC Advisory Board meeting was held in July 2014. The ACNC Advisory Board members opted to have their meals paid for, rather than receive the meal allowance they are entitled to receive per the Remuneration Tribunal determination. On this occasion, the meal allowance was higher than the cost of the meals provided. The amounts spent were \$550 for the Advisory Board's dinner on 17 July 2014 and \$677 on 18 July 2014 for the ACNC Advisory Board's lunch. Both events were held in Melbourne.
- 4208. At present the ACNC has no planned hospitality spends for the remainder of this financial year.
- 4209. At present the ACNC has no planned entertainment spend.
- 4210. Discussions around spending on entertainment and hospitality will be reviewed in the next financial year.