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Department/Agency: ACNC

Question: SBT 1387-1390

Topic: Meeting costs

Reference: written - 30 October 2015

Senator: Wong, Penny

Question:

Since 1 January 2015:

1387. How much has the Department/Agency spent on meeting costs? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
1388. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Budget Estimates, June 2015 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.
1389. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
1390. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.

Answer:

1387. The meetings held by the ACNC during this period consisted of the following:

ACNC round tables/Overseas aid agency briefings, consisting of four separate events corresponding with the following dates and locations.

- State Library of New South Wales (Sydney) 09/07/2015
- State Library of Victoria (Melbourne) 23/07/2015
- Adelaide Town Hall (Adelaide) 22/07/2015
- The Mint (Sydney) 22/09/2015

The total of these events inclusive of travel, advertising, technology, venue hire and catering costs was \$9,202.28

The ACNC also held three business planning days for various directorates, these were consistent with the following dates and locations.

- Melbourne Library (Melbourne) 19/10/2015
- Melbourne Library (Melbourne) 19/10/2015
- Australian Institute of Company Directors (Melbourne) 11/09/2015

The total venue hire for these events was \$483.86.

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Three Professional User Group meetings were held at the ACNC office in Docklands Victoria on the following dates:

- 27/2/2015
- 3/7/2015
- 30/10/2015

The Professional User Group consists of invited not-for-profit sector professional service providers. The group provides comment on matters of procedure, publications and sector interaction to assist ACNC to improve its regulation of charities and to be open and accountable about the way we work and the thinking behind our processes.

The total catering cost incurred for these events was \$1,874.51.

Three Sector User Group meetings were held at the ACNC office in Docklands Victoria on the following dates:

- 6/3/2015
- 10/7/2015
- 23/10/2015

The Sector User Group consists of invited members of the not-for-profit sector. The group provides comment on matters of procedure, publications and sector interaction to assist ACNC to improve its regulation of charities and to be open and accountable about the way we work and the thinking behind our processes.

The total catering cost incurred for these events was \$1,580.16.

The ACNC has also incurred expenses for the ACNC Advisory Board meetings; these are detailed below:

Location: Lenna Hotel, Hobart

Date: 30/01/2015

Cost (Venue and Catering inclusive): \$1143.50

Location: ACNC Office, Melbourne

Date: 15/05/2015

Cost (Venue and Catering inclusive):: \$650

Location: University House, Canberra

Date: 17/07/2015

Cost (Venue and Catering inclusive):: \$1216.20

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1388. N/A

1389. The ACNC currently has two Advisory board meetings planned for future dates; details as below:

Location: ACNC Office, Melbourne

Date: 06/11/2015

Cost: \$451.05

Location: Sydney Living Museums, Sydney

Date: 16/02/2016

Cost: \$792 + an estimated \$500 catering

There is a Professional User Group meeting planned for 26/2/2016 and a Sector User Group meeting planned for 11/3/2016. Estimated catering costs total \$1,400 for the two events.

1390. N/A