

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Agency: ASQA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000306

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

ASQA: Hospitality and entertainment

Question

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs.
2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
3. What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
5. 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.
6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
7. 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.
8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

Answer

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) has provided the following response:

1. For the period 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016 ASQA has spent \$1937.16 (inc GST) on hospitality.
2. N/A
3. For the period 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016 ASQA has spent \$4250 (inc GST) on entertainment. This amount was spent on 11 November 2015 for the conduct of ASQA's leadership forum held in Melbourne.
4. N/A
5. At this point in time, ASQA has no planned expenditure for hospitality.
6. N/A
7. At this point in time, ASQA has no planned expenditure for entertainment.
8. N/A
9. ASQA rarely undertakes any hospitality and / or entertainment activities. When the Authority does undertake these activities they are scheduled / planned to minimise any related expenditure.