

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Agency: AITSL**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000319**

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

*Also refer to previous hearing Question No. ED0517\_15*

***AITSL: 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 Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) has provided the following response for the period 14 September 2015 to 10 February 2016:

1. Total hospitality spend = \$16,123.69 (GST inc). For AITSL to report all details requested would be an unnecessary diversion of resources.
2. Not applicable
3. Nil
4. Not applicable
5. Each work group at AITSL has an approved hospitality expenses budget for 2015/16. This is a general budget that allows for hospitality as the need arises.
6. Not applicable

7. Nil
8. Not applicable
9. AITSL has reduced its spending on hospitality. AITSL considers the necessity for such expenditure on a case-by-case basis and compliance is monitored through the completion and approval of a hospitality form by the General Manager or CEO.