

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Agency - Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000235**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing**

#### **Question**

#### **ASEA - Hospitality and Entertainment**

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**

1. The total hospitality spend since 14 September is \$228.67. This relates to an event for a mesothelioma survivors support group and the 2015 ASEA conference.
2. Not applicable
3. Nil
4. Not applicable
5. ASEA does not have a specific planned budget for hospitality expenses as the expenses are relatively low.
6. Not applicable
7. Nil
8. Not applicable
9. ASEA ensures that each request for catering is cost effective and represents value for money.