

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

#### Agency - Fair Work Commission

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-004306

Senator Bilyk provided in writing.

#### Question

##### FWC - Departmental functions

In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio since 1 March 2017, can the following please be provided:

- List of functions;
- List of attendees;
- Function venue;
- Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);
- Details of any food served;
- Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and
- Details of any entertainment provided.

#### Answer

The Fair Work Commission (Commission) has held a number of events since 1 March 2017 as part of its engagement work and in recognition of the appointment of three new Commission Members.

##### Workplace Relations Education Series

- **Harvester Revisited**
  - The Commission held the *Harvester Revisited* mock hearing on 15 May 2017 at the Supreme Court of Victoria as part of the Victoria Law Foundation's Law Week 2017.
  - Approximately 150 people attended the event, with a further 120 watching via a live web cast.
  - Expenditure for this event was \$5,173.35 (including GST). This included web-streaming, costume hire, design and printing, hire of the Supreme Court's Banco Court room and small gifts for participants.
  - The Commission received a grant from the Victoria Law Foundation of \$3,400 (excluding GST) which will partially offset these costs.
  - The Commission did not provide food, alcohol or other entertainment for this event.
- **New Approaches – Lecture and Panel discussion**
  - The Commission held a lecture and panel discussion on 22 May 2017 at the University of Melbourne.
  - Approximately 130 people attended the event.
  - Expenditure for this event related to travel costs (flights and accommodation) for two external panel guests at a total cost of \$694.50 (including GST).
  - The Commission did not provide food, alcohol or other entertainment for this event.

### **Welcome Ceremony for Deputy President Anderson, Deputy President Colman and Commissioner McKinnon**

- The Commission held a welcome ceremony for three newly appointed Members on 25 May 2017 at its Melbourne premises.
- There were approximately 80 attendees.
- The Commission served morning tea at a cost of \$253.00 (including GST)
- No alcohol was served.
- The Commission engaged a photographer at a cost of \$880 (including GST).
- The Commission did not provide any other entertainment.

### **Commission/Industrial Relations Society of Victoria Workshop**

- The Commission held a workshop with the Industrial Relations Society of Victoria on 17 May 2017.
- The workshop was held at the Commission's Melbourne premises.
- There were 25 attendees.
- The Commission provided morning tea at a cost of \$26.25 (including GST)
- No alcohol was served.
- The Commission did not provide any entertainment.