

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

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

#### **Cross Portfolio**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM0911\_15**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

#### **Question**

##### **G20 - Expenses**

Please provide an itemised table of all expenses incurred by the department since September 7, 2013 associated with official G20 and related working group, taskforce, roundtable, Sherpa meetings, workshop and study groups) events, including but not limited to hospitality, accommodation, transport, recreation, merchandise, meals/drinks, catering, security. For each item, please provide: 1. The name of the event/meeting that the expense related to. 2. The location of the event. 3. The date of the event. 4. The name and ABN of the service provider. 5. Advise whether the contract was awarded through an open tender process. 6. The total value of the contract/invoice. 7. The date the contract was executed by the Department. 8. The number of attendees at the event, if applicable. 9. Advise whether an Australian Government Minister was in attendance. Please detail. 10. Advise whether foreign delegates were in attendance. Please detail. Advise whether the contract/expenditure was approved by the Prime Minister's Office, and if so the date that approval was sought and granted.

#### **Answer**

Total costs and details per meetings are as follows:

##### **1<sup>st</sup> Taskforce on Employment meeting**

Location: Cockle Bay Wharf, Sydney

Date: 5-7 February 2014

Total Cost: \$87,397

Number of delegates: 77 (Includes foreign delegates)

Australian Government Minister in attendance: Nil

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> Taskforce on Employment meeting**

Location: OECD Conference Centre, Paris

Date: 10-11 April 2014

Total Cost: \$84,581

Number of delegates: 80 (Includes foreign delegates)

Australian Government Minister in attendance: Nil

##### **3<sup>rd</sup> Taskforce on Employment meeting**

Location: Marriott Hotel, Brisbane

Date: 22-24 July 2014

Total Cost: \$91,653

Number of delegates: 80 (Includes foreign delegates)

Australian Government Minister in attendance: Nil

**Labour and Employment Ministerial Meeting (LEMM)**

Location: Sofitel Hotel, Melbourne

Date: 9-11 September 2014

Total Cost: \$1,881,199

Number of delegates: 155 (Includes foreign delegates)

Australian Government Ministers in attendance: 4

- The Hon Senator Abetz MP, Minister for Employment (Chair, LEMM)
- The Hon Luke Hartsuyker MP, Assistant Minister for Employment (official dinner)
- The Hon Michaelia Cash, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women and Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Chaired LEMM session on female participation)
- The Hon Joe Hockey MP, Treasurer (guest speaker)

The details of all contracts over \$10,000 have been listed on Austender in accordance with Australian Procurement Guidelines.

The processes used to determine suppliers for services were in line *with Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act (PGPA Act)* requirements and Australian Procurement Guidelines.

Approval of all departmental funds was done by the relevant delegate in line with the Department's financial delegations.

Approval for expenditure was not required nor sought from the Prime Minister's Office.