

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015

Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. EM1424_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Hospitality and entertainment

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

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

Total hospitality expenditure for the Department of Employment for the period 1 July 2014 to 31 October 2014 was \$26,898.90. The Department of Employment has spent \$0 for the period 1 July to 31 October 2014 on hospitality or entertainment for Ministers.

There are no specific hospitality or entertainment events planned for the department or Ministers.

All expenditure on hospitality is for official purposes and determined to be appropriate prior to approval. The cost of each item is considered in the context of efficiently and effectively conducting the business of the department.