

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Agency - Asbestos Safety & Eradication Agency

Department of Employment Question No. EM1425_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

ASEA - 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

1. The total hospitality expenditure for the Agency since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 is \$5,726.40. This relates to an event for the Parliamentary Group on Asbestos Related Diseases and 3 meetings of the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council.
2. Nil.
3. Nil.
4. Nil.
5. The Agency does not have a specific planned budget for hospitality expenses as the expense are relatively low.
6. Nil.
7. Nil.
8. Nil.
9. The Agency does not have a specific plan to reduce hospitality expenses. The Agency ensures that each request for catering is cost effective and represents value for money.