

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2014

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Hospitality and entertainment**

Question: **187**

Written **Senator Ludwig**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 11 April 2014

1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date including any catering and drinks costs.
2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
3. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? 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 from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. 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. h) 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.
8. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

Answer

1. For the period from 1 October to 31 December 2013, the Department held the following events:

Event	Date	Location	Purpose	Cost ex GST
New Members' Induction	16 Oct 2013	Parliament House	Welcome new Members of Parliament	\$1,602.27
Breakfast on the Roof	6 Nov 2013	Parliament House	Canberra 100 years – Charitable fundraising contribution	\$381.82
Senators' Induction	7 Nov 2013	Parliament House	Welcome Senators to Parliament	\$82.27
Staff Briefing	6 Nov 2013	Parliament House	All DPS Staff strategic briefing	\$1500.00
Staff Briefing	7 Nov 2013	Parliament House	All DPS Staff strategic briefing	\$177.27
Australia and New Zealand Parliamentary IT Forum (ANZPIT)	4 – 6 Dec 2013	Parliament House	Host ANZPIT forum	\$9,596

2. Not applicable.
3. Refer to the response provided for question (1).
4. Not applicable.
5. Since the reporting period from 31 December 2013, the department has held the following events:

Event	Date	Location	Purpose	Cost ex GST
Summer Scholars Reception	12 Feb 2014	Parliament House	Summer Scholars (Parliamentary Library) and National Cultural Institutions reception	\$1,040.45
ICT Leadership Day	12 Mar 2014	National Library	Customer Service Planning	\$929 (budgeted cost, invoices not yet received)
Book Launch	25 Mar 2014	Parliament House	Book launch for the Historic Records of Australia, Series III, Volume 10	\$371 (budgeted cost, invoices not yet received)

At this stage, no other events are planned.

6. Not applicable.
7. Refer to the response provided for question (5).
8. The Department will continue to closely monitor expenditure against hospitality and entertainment.