

**Question: 25**

**Topic: Meeting costs**

**Written: 7 March 2014**

**Senator LUDWIG asked:**

1. What is the department / agency's meeting spend from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Detail:
  - a) date;
  - b) location;
  - c) purpose; and
  - d) cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail:
  - a) date;
  - b) location;
  - c) purpose; and
  - d) cost of each event, including any catering and drinks costs.
3. What meeting spend is the department planning on spending? Detail:
  - a) date;
  - b) location;
  - c) purpose; and
  - d) cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail:
  - a) date;
  - b) location;
  - c) purpose; and
  - d) cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.

**Answer:**

As a parliamentary department, the department does not report to a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary. It does, however, support meetings of the Senate and its committees, a function consuming most of the department's budget.