

**Question:** 26

**Topic:** Hospitality and entertainment

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**Senator LUDWIG asked:**

1. What is the department's hospitality spend the 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 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.
3. What is the department's entertainment 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.
4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment 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.
5. What hospitality 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.

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 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 planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

**Answer:**

As a parliamentary department, the department does not report to a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary.

For the period of 18 November 2013 to date, the department has spent a total of \$29,685 on hospitality and entertainment. The details are as follows.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cost</b>
06/11/13 & 11/11/13	Parliament House	New senators training	\$ 507
08/11/13	Parliament House	Andrew Inglis Clark Conference	\$ 2,637
12/11/13	Parliament House	Opening of the 44 <sup>th</sup> Parliament ^	\$ 19,335
13/11/13 & 19/11/13	Parliament House	Australian Rural Leadership Program *	\$ 572
18/11/13 – 18/03/14	Parliament House	Various Committee hearings	\$ 3,071

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cost</b>
26/11/13	Museum of Australian Democracy	Dinner: Australian Parliamentary Educators Conference *	\$ 909
28/11/13 & 06/12/13	Parliament House	Lunches: Guest lecturers for the Senate Occasional Lecture series	\$ 140
04/12/13	Parliament House	Australian Parliamentary Educators Conference *	\$ 2,409
28/02/14	Parliament House	Visiting parliamentary delegation	\$ 105

\* Note: the cost of this hospitality was offset by course participant fees.

^ Note: the cost of this hospitality was shared with the Department of the House of Representatives

The department's spending on hospitality and entertainment is determined on a case by case basis and is largely dependent on the meetings of the Senate and its Committees, and other parliamentary activities such as conferences, training and inter-parliamentary relations.