

Question: **59**

Topic: **Christmas party costs**

Written: **7 March 2014**

Senator LUDWIG asked:

List what functions were held by the department/agency for either Christmas or end of calendar year since 7 September 2013

- a) What was the cost of each of these functions?
- b) How was the money identified?
- c) What was the location of these functions?
- d) Provide a table of food and alcohol purchased for the function

Answer:

The main departmental Christmas function was a lunch in December 2013 in the Members' and Guests Dining Room at Parliament House. It was organised by the department's Social Club and was self-funded by staff.

The department did not pay for any costs associated with the Christmas party.

The President of the Senate hosted one Christmas function which was a Christmas morning tea for departmental staff in his courtyard. The cost of the morning tea was \$1,409 for approximately 100 attendees. No alcohol was served.