

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2016**

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Meeting costs**

Question: **209**

Written: **Senator Ludwig**

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 1 April 2016**

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. How much has the Department/Agency spent on meeting costs? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.
3. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and 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 date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.

**Answer**

1. Between 14 September 2015 and 31 January 2016, the following meetings incurred costs:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cost (excl. GST)</b>
6/10/15	Committee room 1.S.6	Conservation Management Plan meeting (tea and coffee)	\$ 40.00
14/10/15 – 25/11/15	Library conference room	Light Lunch for Library Lectures (14 Oct, 21 Oct, 11 Nov and 25 Nov 2015)	. 546.36
15/10/15	Suite S.G.40	Presiding Officers Working Lunch with DPS Senior Officials	\$ 70.91
4/11/15	N.G 61 meeting room	Korean ICT delegation	\$ 120.91
25/11/15	Library conference room	Joint Standing Committee Vision Paper	\$ 161.82
26/11/15	Suite R.G 44	Presiding Officers Working Lunch with DPS Senior Officials	\$ 70.91
1/12/15 – 7/12/15	Main Committee Room, Private Dining Room, Senate Alcove	Association of Parliamentarian Librarians of Asia and the Pacific Conference Catering (1 Dec – 7 Dec 2015)	\$ 6,313.64
3/12/15	Suite S.G.40	Presiding Officers Working Lunch with DPS Senior Officials	\$ 70.91
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 7,395.46</b>

2. Not applicable.
3. No further meeting cost spending is planned.
4. Not applicable.