

Question: 34

Topic: Meeting costs

Written: 22 February 2016

Senator LUDWIG asked:

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. The department supports meetings of the Senate and its committees, a function consuming most of the department's budget. Hospitality costs associated with meetings are including in the answer to question 11.
2. Not applicable.
3. The department will continue to meet the costs associated with meetings of Senate and its committees.
4. Not applicable.