Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-15

Finance Portfolio

Department/Agency: All
Outcome/Program: General
Topic: Hospitality and entertainment

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Question:

a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date including any catering and drinks costs.
b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
c) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend fromAdditional Estimates in February, 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
e) What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
f) 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.
g) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
h) 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.
i) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

Answer:

For the period 25 February to 31 May 2014:

Department/ Agency	Response
Finance	a) Details at <u>Attachment A.</u> b) Details at <u>Attachment A.</u> There was no expenditure on hospitality for the Special Minister of State or the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance. c) Details at <u>Attachment A.</u> d) Nil. e) Hospitality spend is determined on a case by case basis. f) Nil. g) Entertainment spend is determined on a case by case basis. h) Nil. i) Refer to the response to F62 asked at the October 2012 Supplementary Budget Estimates for estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates.
Australian Electoral Commission	a) $14,540. b) N/A. c) The AEC classifies entertainment as hospitality, therefore spend is as per (a).

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost (Ex. GST)
29/5/14	Canberra, ACT	National Indigenous Youth Parliament, lunch at Parliament House	$13,867
06/05/14	Sydney, NSW	Cebit Awards	$600
15/03/14	Adelaide, SA	PNG Visitors to attend Cleland Wildlife Park	$73
Total			**$14,540**

d) N/A.
e) The AEC does not have any planned spend at this stage. Any application for hospitality will be assessed on its merits.
f) N/A.
g) The AEC classifies entertainment as hospitality; therefore response is as per (e).
h) N/A.
i) The AEC will consider any potential expenditure on hospitality and entertainment in light of available budget and statutory requirements on the expenditure of public money.

Department/ Agency	Response
ComSuper	a) For the period 1March 2014 to 31 May 2014: - Nil. b) N/A. c) For the period 1 February 2014 to 31 May 2014: - Nil. d) N/A. e) Although ComSuper may hold minor hospitality events in 2013-14, currently there are no specific plans for such events.

Department/ Agency	Response
	f) N/A. g) Although ComSuper may hold minor hospitality events in 2013-14, currently there are no specific plans for such events. h) As per the response for questions (e) and (g) ComSuper only incurs incidental hospitality expenditure. All hospitality and entertainment expenses are closely monitored and managed by ComSuper on an ongoing basis. i) N/A.
Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	a) $421.40. b) N/A. c) N/A . d) None planned for the remainder of 2013-14. e) N/A. f) None planned for the remainder of 2013-14. g) N/A. h) N/A. i) No.
Future Fund Management Agency	a) $2,490 – lunch and dinner catering held internally and at various external venues (compilation of specific details would be an unreasonable diversion of resources). b) N/A. c) $4,217

Date	Function Details	Venue	Cost
11 March 2014	Staff dinner	Papa Goose, City	$2,997
	Other staff functions		$411
	Sector team events and functions		$809

d) N/A.
e) No specific spending planned.
f) N/A.
g)

Date	Function Details	Venue	Estimated Cost
August 14	Mid year staff function	Sarti, City	$6,600
December 14	Staff seasonal function	Sheraton Melbourne Hotel, City	$7,500

h) – i) N/A.

Hospitality Costs – Additional Estimates 25 February 2014 to 31 May 2014 for the Department of Finance

DATE OF EVENT	LOCATION OF EVENT	PURPOSE	Total Cost (GST inclusive)
27/02/2014	Legends Spanish Restaurant, Manuka, ACT	Meal with Officials from Pacific Islands Ministries participating in Public Financial Management Strategic Development Course at ANU	$720
28/02/2014	D'Browes, Narrabundah, ACT	Rewards and recognition dinner for the National Commission of Audit Secretariat and Commissioners	$1,380
04/04/2014	Ottoman Cuisine, Barton, ACT	Official Hospitality with Secretary of PNG Finance	$356
20/05/2014	N/A	Financial Reporting Committee – Farewell gift to Lynn Wood, Retiring Chair of Committee	$150
Finance Hospitality Total	**Expenditure 25 February 2014 to 31 May 2014**		$2,606

Hospitality Costs – Additional Estimates 25 February 2014 to 31 May 2014 for the Minister for Finance

DATE OF EVENT	LOCATION OF EVENT	PURPOSE	Total Cost (GST inclusive)
13/05/2014	Parliament House	Ministerial Function	$1096.55

Entertainment Costs – Additional Estimates 25 February 2014 to 31 May 2014 for the Department of Finance

DATE OF EVENT	LOCATION OF EVENT	PURPOSE	Total Cost (GST inclusive)
13/05/2014	UNI PUB, Canberra, ACT	Budget Night Drinks	$1,000
15/05/2014	John Gorton Building, Parkes, ACT	SES Function	$328
22/05/2014	John Gorton Building, Parkes, ACT	Post Budget function for departmental staff involved in the Budget and Minister's Office staff	$339
Finance Entertainment Total	**Expenditure 25 February 2014 to 31 May 2014**		$1,667