

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: Meeting costs

Senator: Ludwig
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Question:

- a) What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
- b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.
- c) 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.
- d) 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:

For the period 25 February to 31 May 2014:

Department/ Agency	Response
Finance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) This information is not readily available. The compilation of the information sought would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources. b) Minister for Finance – Nil. Special Minister of State – Nil. Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance – Nil. c) Refer part a). d) Refer part b).
Australian Electoral Commission	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) \$6,205. Further detailed cost information is not available as this level of detail is not recorded in the AEC's chart of accounts. b) N/A. c) The AEC will consider any potential expenditure on meeting costs in light of

Department/ Agency	Response								
	available budget and statutory requirements on the expenditure of public money. d) N/A.								
ComSuper	Please refer to the response to question F101 from the Additional Estimates hearings.								
Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	a) \$5,609.78 (see <u>Attachment A</u>). b) N/A. c) CSC expects to hold additional meetings in 2013-2014, however there are no specific plans for any significant additional events during this period. d) N/A.								
Future Fund Management Agency	a) <table border="1" data-bbox="416 674 1353 813"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="416 674 667 712">Date</th> <th data-bbox="667 674 917 712">Function Details</th> <th data-bbox="917 674 1168 712">Venue</th> <th data-bbox="1168 674 1353 712">Cost</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="416 712 667 813">Various</td> <td data-bbox="667 712 917 813">Drinks and refreshments for meetings</td> <td data-bbox="917 712 1168 813">Internal and various external venues</td> <td data-bbox="1168 712 1353 813">\$2,723</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> b) N/A. c) No specific spending planned. d) N/A.	Date	Function Details	Venue	Cost	Various	Drinks and refreshments for meetings	Internal and various external venues	\$2,723
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ATTACHMENT A

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Date	Location	Purpose	Amount
2014-02-28	Sydney	Business Meeting	\$ 14.83
2014-02-28	Canberra	Business Meeting	\$ 148.34
2014-02-28	Canberra	Business Meeting	\$ 42.83
2014-03-13	Sydney	Business Meeting	\$ 9.73
2014-03-21	Sydney	Business Meeting	\$ 37.55
2014-03-21	Canberra	Committee Meeting	\$ 23.18
2014-03-21	Canberra	Committee Meeting	\$ 92.09
2014-03-21	Canberra	Business Meeting	\$ 140.78
2014-03-21	Canberra	Business Meeting	\$ 54.60
2014-03-21	Canberra	Business Meeting	\$ 211.17
2014-03-21	Canberra	Business Meeting	\$ 81.90
2014-03-24	Sydney	Business Meeting	\$ 43.11
2014-03-28	Sydney	Business Meeting	\$ 66.29
2014-03-28	Canberra	Leadership Workshop	\$ 24.57
2014-03-28	Canberra	Leadership Workshop	\$ 139.89
2014-04-11	Canberra	Committee Meeting	\$ 59.33
2014-04-17	Canberra	Committee Meeting	\$ 312.05
2014-04-17	Canberra	Committee Meeting	\$ 92.09
2014-04-22	Canberra	Business Meeting	\$ 37.64
2014-04-22	Canberra	Business Meeting	\$ 11.31
2014-04-24	Canberra	Business Meeting	\$ 136.39
2014-04-24	Canberra	Business Meeting	\$ 14.83
2014-04-30	Canberra	Business Meeting	\$ 84.67
2014-05-09	Sydney	Business Meeting	\$ 59.34
2014-05-16	Canberra	Business Meeting	\$ 77.88
2014-05-30	Canberra	Committee Meeting	\$ 102.18
2014-05-30	Canberra	Business Meeting	\$ 17.62
2014-05-09	Sydney	Business Meeting	\$ 28.79
2014-05-16	Canberra	Business Meeting	\$ 310.65
2014-03-21	Sydney	Business Meeting	\$ 110.79
2014-03-21	Canberra	Business Meeting	\$ 27.81
2014-05-31	Canberra	Business Meeting	\$2,290.20
2014-03-24	Canberra	Business Meeting	\$ 66.75
2014-05-22	Canberra	Business Meeting	\$ 206.46
2014-03-13	Sydney	Business Meeting	\$ 214.54
2014-04-11	Sydney	Business Meeting	\$ 217.60
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