

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office

Outcome/Program:

Topic: Hospitality and entertainment

Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date including any catering and drinks costs.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

Answer:

Q1. The amount spent on official hospitality and entertainment for the period 1 February - 31 May 2014 was \$4,081. The details are presented in the table below:

Host	Date	Location	Nature	Cost
ANAO	28/3/2014	ANAO	Catering for ANAO function	1,185.50
ANAO	8/4/2014	ANAO	Re-stocking of minor gifts for international delegations	30.00
ANAO	2/5/2014	ANAO	Re-stocking of minor gifts for international delegations	1,555.37
ANAO	16/5/2014	ANAO	Catering for International Delegation	73.50
ANAO	21/5/2014	Canberra	Hosting official dinner for Pacific Island Regional Working Group on Environmental Auditing	1,237.23
			Total	4,081.60

Q2. Nil. The ANAO incurred no hospitality spend for Ministers or the Parliamentary Secretary office.

Q3. Amounts spent on entertainment are included in the official hospitality response for Question 1.

Q4. Nil. The ANAO incurred no entertainment spend for Ministers or the Parliamentary Secretary office.

Q5. In aggregate terms the ANAO has budgeted \$14,000 for official hospitality (which includes entertainment) for the 2013-14 financial year.

Q6. No hospitality spend is planned for Ministers or the Parliamentary Secretary office.

Q7. Amounts budgeted for entertainment are included in the official hospitality response for Question 5.

Q8. No entertainment spend is planned for Ministers of the Parliamentary Secretary office.

Q9. The ANAO does not expect significant changes to official hospitality or entertainment expenditure over the forward estimates. The annual spend on official hospitality can vary based on the number of international delegation visits. However, the ANAO continues to closely monitor expenditure in this area and will contain annual spend within budget expectations.