

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-2015

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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Type of question: Written

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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 and what are they?

Answer:

- (1) From Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 31 May 2014, the Office has had \$2,050.91 hospitality spend.
- (2) The Office does not provide hospitality support for Minister or Parliamentary Secretary office staff.
- (3) From Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 31 May 2014, the Office has had nil entertainment spend.
- (4) The Office does not provide entertainment support for Minister or Parliamentary Secretary office staff.
- (5) No hospitality spend is planned for the Office.
- (6) The Office does not provide hospitality support for Minister or Parliamentary Secretary office staff.
- (7) No entertainment spend is planned for the Office.
- (8) The Office does not provide entertainment support for Minister or Parliamentary Secretary office staff.
- (9) Office hospitality and entertainment spend is minimal: no reductions are planned.