

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates 26-27 May 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of National Assessments

Outcome/Program: 1

Topic: Hospitality and entertainment

Senator: 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?

ONA Response:

1. ONA hospitality spend from 24 February to 31 May 2014 is \$10,961.77.
2. Nil
3. Nil
4. Nil

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5. ONA's hospitality and Liaison expenditure relates to maintenance and management of foreign intelligence relationships. ONA is currently reviewing the 2014/15 budget for official hospitality. To attempt to provide a greater level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
6. Nil
7. Nil
8. Nil
9. ONA is reducing expenditure across all areas to meet budget restraints. The 2014/15 budget for official hospitality is currently being reviewed.