

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: Meeting costs

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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Question:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

ONA Response:

1. ONA does not record expenditure in a way that would readily identify meeting costs other than those already covered by Official Hospitality reporting. From Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 31 May 2014, ONA has spent \$10,961.77 on Official Hospitality.
2. Nil
3. ONA does not record expenditure in a way that would readily identify meeting costs other than those already covered by Official Hospitality reporting. 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.
4. Nil