

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2014

Finance Portfolio

Question reference number: F101

Senator: Ludwig

Topic: Meeting Costs

Question:

1. What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from 7 September 2013 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 7 September 2013 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.

Answer:

Department / Agency	Response
Finance	The information on meeting expenditure is not readily available. The compilation of the information would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
AEC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the period 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013, the spend was \$12,409. Further detailed cost information is not available as this level of detail is not recorded in the AEC's chart of accounts. 2. N/A. 3. The AEC will consider any potential expenditure on meeting costs in light of available budget and statutory requirements on the expenditure of public money. 4. N/A.
ComSuper	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. N/A. 2. N/A. 3. There are no plans for meeting expenses for the remainder of the 2013-14 financial year.

	4. N/A.												
Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. See Attachment A 2. Nil 3. CSC expects to hold additional meetings in 2013-14, however there are no specific plans for any significant additional events. 4. Nil 												
Future Fund Management Agency	<p>For the period 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <table border="1" data-bbox="509 554 1328 747"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="509 554 688 590">Date</th> <th data-bbox="688 554 938 590">Function details</th> <th data-bbox="938 554 1133 590">Venue</th> <th data-bbox="1133 554 1328 590">Cost</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="509 590 688 621"></td> <td data-bbox="688 590 938 621"></td> <td data-bbox="938 590 1133 621"></td> <td data-bbox="1133 590 1328 621"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="509 621 688 747">Various*</td> <td data-bbox="688 621 938 747">Drinks and refreshments for meetings</td> <td data-bbox="938 621 1133 747">Internal and various external venues</td> <td data-bbox="1133 621 1328 747">\$1,180</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p data-bbox="451 751 1295 810">*Compilation of specific details would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.</p> 2. N/A 3. No specific spending planned. 4. N/A 	Date	Function details	Venue	Cost					Various*	Drinks and refreshments for meetings	Internal and various external venues	\$1,180
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