

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

Finance Portfolio

Question reference number: F102

Senator: Ludwig

Topic: Hospitality and entertainment

Question:

1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for all events including any catering and drinks costs.
2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from 7 September 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 7 September 2013 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 7 September 2013 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:

Department / Agency	Response
Finance	<p>Responses provided below are for the period 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Department spent \$378 on hospitality. 2. The Minister for Finance, the Special Minister of State and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance did not incur any hospitality expenses.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The Department spent \$837 on entertainment. Details at Attachment A. 4. The Minister for Finance, the Special Minister of State and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance did not incur any entertainment expenses. 5. The Department does not have any planned spend at this stage. 6. Nil. 7. The Department does not have any planned spend at this stage. 8. Nil. 9. Refer to the response to F62 asked at the October 2012 Supplementary Budget Estimates for estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates.
AEC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the period 9th August 2013 to 31 October 2013 the AEC spent \$3192 on hospitality. 2. N/A. 3. The AEC classifies entertainment as hospitality and spend from 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013 is shown above in the answer to (1). 4. N/A. 5. The AEC does not have any planned spend at this stage. Any application for hospitality will be assessed on its merits. 6. N/A. 7. The AEC classifies entertainment as hospitality and planned expenditure for the remainder of 2013-14 is shown above in the answer to (5). 8. N/A. 9. The AEC will consider any potential expenditure on hospitality and entertainment in light of available budget and statutory requirements on the expenditure of public money.
ComSuper	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the period 1 July 2013 to 31 October 2013: Nil. 2. N/A. 3. For the period 7 September to 31 October 2013: Nil. 4. N/A. 5. Although ComSuper may hold minor hospitality events in 2013-14, currently there are no specific plans for such events. 6. N/A. 7. Currently, there are no specific plans for such events. 8. Currently, there are no specific plans for such events. 9. As per the response for questions 5, 7 and 8 ComSuper only incurs incidental hospitality expenditure. All hospitality and entertainment expenses are closely monitored and managed by ComSuper on an ongoing basis.
Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nil. 2. Nil. 3. Nil. 4. N/A. 5. None. 6. N/A. 7. Total costs will be approximately \$5,000, Christmas lunch on 19 December (Canberra office) and 13 December (Sydney office). 8. N/A. 9. No.

Future Fund Management Agency	For the period 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013: 1. \$ 1,194. 2. N/A. 3. \$3,275. 4. N/A. 5. No specific spending planned. 6. N/A. 7. No specific spending planned. 8. N/A. 9. No.
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Attachment A

Entertainment Costs – 7 September to 31 October 2013 for the Department of Finance

DATE OF EVENT	LOCATION OF EVENT	PURPOSE	Total Cost (GST inclusive)
11/09/2013	John Gorton Building, Parkes ACT	SES Function	\$387
08/12/2013	National Zoo and Aquarium	Finance Children's Christmas Party*	\$450
Finance Entertainment Total	Expenditure 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013		\$837

*Deposit paid in October for event in December offset by staff contributions