

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Department of the Senate

Supplementary Budget Estimates

18 – 21 November 2013

Question: 38

Topic: Meeting costs

Written: 26 November 2013

Senator LUDWIG asked:

1. What is the department's meeting spend from 7 September 2013 to date? Detail:
 - a) date;
 - b) location;
 - c) purpose; and
 - d) 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:
 - a) date;
 - b) location;
 - c) purpose; and
 - d) cost of each event, including any catering and drinks costs.

3. What meeting spend is the department planning on spending? Detail:
 - a) date;
 - b) location;
 - c) purpose; and
 - d) 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:
 - a) date;
 - b) location;
 - c) purpose; and
 - d) cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.

Answer:

As a parliamentary department, the department does not report to a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary. It does, however, support meetings of the Senate and its committees, a function consuming most of the department's budget.