

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

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Department of the Senate

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18 – 21 November 2013

Question: 39

Topic: Hospitality and entertainment

Written: 26 November 2013

Senator LUDWIG asked:

1. What is the department's hospitality spend for this 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:
 - a) date;
 - b) location;
 - c) purpose; and
 - d) cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
3. What is the department's entertainment 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.
4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment 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.
5. What hospitality 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.
6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail:
 - a) date;
 - b) location;

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- c) purpose; and
 - d) cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
7. What entertainment 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.
8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail:
- a) date;
 - b) location;
 - c) purpose; and
 - d) cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
9. Is the department planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are they?

Answer:

As a parliamentary department, the department does not report to a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary.

For the period 7 September 2013 to date, the department has spent a total of \$12,507 on hospitality and entertainment. The details are as follows.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
07/09/13 – 18/11/13	Hyatt Hotel	Lunches: Guest lecturers for the Senate Occasional Lecture series	\$ 546
07/09/13 – 18/11/13	Parliament House	Senate Committee hearings	\$ 1,390
26/09/13 – 19/11/13	Parliament House	Procedure Office training *	\$ 2,615
06/11/13	Parliament House	Orientation program for new senators – Commencement of 44 th Parliament	\$ 864
08/11/13	Parliament House	Andrew Inglis Clark Conference **	\$ 2,749
13/11/13	Parliament House	Orientation program for senators-elect – Commencement of 44 th Parliament	\$ 820

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26/11/13	Parliament House	Dinner: Australian Parliamentary Educators Conference *	\$3,055
10/12/13	Parliament House	Visiting parliamentary delegation	\$ 18

** Note: the cost of this hospitality was offset by course participant fees.*

*** Note: the cost of this hospitality was partially offset by contribution from Centenary of Canberra.*

The department's spending on hospitality and entertainment is determined on a case by case basis and is largely dependent on the meetings of the Senate and its Committees, and other parliamentary activities such as conferences, training and inter-parliamentary relations.