

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-14, November 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of National Assessments

Outcome/Program: 1

Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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Question:

a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this all events including any catering and drinks costs.

b) 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.

c) 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.

d) 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.

e) 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.

f) 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.

g) 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.

h) 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.

i) 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?

ONA Response:

a) ONA's hospitality spend from 7 September 2013 to date is \$3,136

b) Nil

c) Entertainment is not recorded separately from hospitality; expenditure is included at (a).

d) Nil

e) Official Functions & Liaison total planned expenditure financial year to 30 June 2014: \$50,000.

ONA's hospitality and entertainment expenditure relates to maintenance and management of foreign intelligence relationships. To attempt to provide a greater level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

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- f) Nil
- g) Entertainment is not recorded separately from hospitality; expenditure is included at (e).
- h) Nil
- i) ONA is reviewing all non-essential expenditure including these items. Reductions are expected on some hospitality expenditure.