

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-15**

**Finance Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** All  
**Outcome/Program:** General  
**Topic:** Meeting costs

**Senator:** Ludwig  
**Question reference number:** F98  
**Type of question:** Written  
**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** Wednesday, 31 December 2014

**Number of pages:** 2

**Question:**

Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:

1. How much has the Department/Agency spent on meeting costs? 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 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:**

<b>Department/ Agency</b>	<b>Response</b>
Finance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This information is not readily available. The compilation of the information sought would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.</li> <li>2. Minister for Finance – Nil. Special Minister of State – Nil. Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance – Nil.</li> <li>3. Refer to the response to question 1.</li> <li>4. Refer to the response to question 2.</li> </ol>
Australian Electoral Commission	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. \$19,200. Further detailed cost information is not recorded in the AEC's chart of accounts and to attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of agency resources.</li> <li>2. N/A.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>4. N/A.</li> </ol>
ComSuper	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. – 2. N/A.</li> <li>3. There are no plans for meeting expenses for the remainder of the 2014-15 financial year.</li> </ol>

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