

Question: 80

Topic: Meeting costs

Written: 31 October 2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June 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 Budget Estimates 2014 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

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.