

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 267

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 2014:

1. What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? 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 Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 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.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

1. The AFP does not separately track meeting expenses and to do so would be an unreasonable diversion of resources. Meetings with a hospitality component are included in the response to February 2014 Estimates QoN Hospitality & Entertainment.
2. This is not a matter for the AFP.
3. As spending on meetings are generally ad hoc in nature and not a significant budget item, there are no specific plans in relation to meeting spend.
4. This is not a matter for the AFP.