

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 08 February 2016**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE16/128) - Staff Awards - Internal Product (DIBP)**

Senator Ludwig, Joe (L&CA) written:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. Has the Department / Agency given out awards to staff for any reason? If yes:

1. What was the reason for the awards?
2. What was the criteria for the awards?
3. What form did the award take? (e.g. Certificate, gift vouchers etc)
4. How much was spent on the award?
2. How were the awards presented?
3. Who presented the awards?
4. Was there a ceremony or party for the awards? If yes:
  1. Where was it held?
  2. Was there a fee for the venue? If yes, how much?
  3. How much was spent on catering?
  4. How many people attended?
  5. Did the minister attend?
  6. Did the minister's staff attend? If yes, how many?

*Answer:*

1. Yes
  1. Australia Day Achievement Medallions and World Customs Organisation (WCO) Certificates of Merit.
  2. Australia Day Achievement Medallions recognise the contribution of individuals and teams for outstanding performance of core duties or special projects. World Customs Organisation Certificates of Merit were presented to officers who have demonstrated their commitment to the Digital Customs theme.
  3. Australia Day Achievement Medallions – a medallion and a certificate. World Customs Organisation Certificates of Merit – a framed certificate.
  4. Total cost \$10,521 (GST incl).
2. Awards were presented at ceremonies held at the National Office in Belconnen and at each regional office within Australia.
3. In the National office, awards were presented by the Secretary of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection and the Acting Australian Border Force Commissioner. In each State/Territory office, the relevant Regional Commander and Regional Director presented.

4. Yes. A ceremony was held in each regional office.
  1. On departmental premises.
  2. There was no fee for the venue.
  3. A total of \$3078 (GST incl) was spent on catering nationally.
  4. Total attendance across all regions was approximately 900.
  5. No
  6. No