

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 08 February 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE16/175) - CN3317370 - EL Conference 16 - Guest Speaker - Internal Product (DIBP)

Senator Bilyk, Catryna (L&CA) written:

In relation to contract CN3317370 notified on Austender on 29 January 2016, titled “EL Conference 16 – Guest Speaker”:

- What was the date and duration of the conference?
- How many departmental staff attended the conference?
- How many EL-grade staff attended the conference – please provide a breakdown by home state of the employees.
- Who was the guest speaker provided under this contract?
- Who selected the guest speaker, and why?

Answer:

The dates of the three conferences are: 18-19 February 2016, 31 March-1 April 2016 and 7-8 June 2016.

Two hundred and thirty three (233) staff attended the conference in February.

At the 18-19 February 2016 Conference the following EL staff attended:

Location	Total
ACT	188
NSW	12
NT	2
QLD	5
SA	2
VIC	14
WA	9
Other	1*
Grand Total	233

*Attendee, posted overseas, was already in Canberra for other business, the conference dates coincided with existing travel plans.

The Guest speaker was Mr Sleiman Abou-Hamdan, Senior Manager, Bendelta.

The selection decision was made in a manner consistent with the requirements of relevant procurement policies and represents proper use of public monies as required under the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013.

The relevant delegate made the decision on the basis that Mr Abou-Hamdan has provided consulting, training and coaching services to local, state and federal governments, in addition to enhancing human capability of elite athletes and sporting organisations. Mr Abou-Hamdan sessions aligned with the strategic themes of the conference, with a focus on building high performing teams through times of change and how to create a culture of commitment to performance excellence.