

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

Cross Portfolio

Department of Education Question No. ED0366_14

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Dept/Ag - Meeting costs

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.

Answer

DEPARTMENT

The Department of Education financial system does not track these expense categories. To identify and estimate these costs would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources. Expenses incurred in the provision of official hospitality are provided in response to ED0368_14.

AGENCY

Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority

ACARA does not record meeting costs to this level of detail. For ACARA to identify or attribute these costs to individual meetings would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership

1. Total meeting costs from 1 November 2014 - 28 February 2014 was \$6,222 relating to the AITSL All Staff Meeting held 12 December 2013 at the Melbourne Museum. This is a six-monthly meeting to review achievements and plan future work. Also refer to ED0368_14: Hospitality and Entertainment. For AITSL to report all details requested would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.
2. Not Applicable
3. AITSL expects to spend \$4,355 for the All Staff Meeting to be held 23 May 2014 at the Victorian University Conference Centre. The purpose of the meeting is to review achievements and plan future work.
4. Not Applicable

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

1. Total spend on 'meeting expenses' from 20 November 2014 - 28 February 2014 is \$75,965.94. AIATSIS' financial system does not provide further breakdown.
2. Nil
3. Unknown
4. Nil

Australian Research Council

1. The ARC does not keep information in a way that allows this question to be disaggregated without a significant diversion of agency resources. However, total spend cost \$35,743 for the purpose of these meetings were to assess grant applications and review grant schemes.
2. Nil response
3. The ARC are planning a number of meetings for the purpose of assessing grant applications, review of grant schemes and the ARC Advisory Council at an estimate of \$142,000. The ARC cannot provide further details as the grant application process is not complete.
4. Nil response

Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency

1.

Date	Location	\$ Ex GST	Purpose
10/10/2013	Melbourne	8.64	Commission meeting
11/10/2013	Melbourne	209.72	Peak Body lunch meeting
17/10/2013	Melbourne	4.55	Commission meeting
24/10/2013	Melbourne	2.86	Commission meeting
31/10/2013	Melbourne	5.45	Commission meeting
8/11/2013	Melbourne	1.82	Commission meeting
13/11/2013	Melbourne	166.18	HES Panel meeting
14/11/2013	Melbourne	4.55	Commission meeting
21/11/2013	Melbourne	9.42	Commission meeting
28/11/2013	Melbourne	4.55	Commission meeting
5/12/2013	Melbourne	10.92	Commission meeting
6/12/2013	Melbourne	5.45	SLT Meeting
12/12/2013	Melbourne	3.35	Commission meeting
13/01/2014	Melbourne	159.45	HES Panel meeting
21/01/2014	Melbourne	133.05	Learning Committee breakfast event
	TOTAL Cost (to 28 February 2014)	\$729.96	

2. Not applicable.

3.

Date	Location	\$ Ex GST	Purpose
Feb 2014	Melbourne	200	HES Panel meeting
Mar 2014	Melbourne	200	HES Panel meeting
Apr 2014	Melbourne	200	HES Panel meeting
Jun 2014	Melbourne	200	HES Panel meeting
	TOTAL Cost	\$800	

4. Not applicable