

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2014**

Finance Portfolio

**Question reference number:** F102

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Topic:** Hospitality and entertainment costs

**Type of question:** Written

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**Question:**

- a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date including any catering and drinks costs.
- b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality 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.
- c) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment 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.
- d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment 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.
- e) What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- f) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- g) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- h) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- i) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

**Answer:**

<b>Department / Agency</b>	<b>Response</b>
Finance	For the period 7 September 2013 to 31 January 2014: a) \$2,686. b) Nil. c) \$16,555. Details at <a href="#">Attachment A</a> . d) Nil. e) The Department's hospitality spend is determined on a case by case basis.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>f) Nil.</li> <li>g) The Department's entertainment spend is determined on a case by case basis.</li> <li>h) Nil.</li> <li>i) Refer to the response to F62 asked at the October 2012 Supplementary Budget Estimates for estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates.</li> </ul>
AEC	<p>For the period 19 November 2013 to 31 January 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) \$23,957.</li> <li>b) N/A.</li> <li>c) The AEC classifies entertainment as hospitality, therefore spend is as per (a).</li> <li>d) N/A.</li> <li>e) The AEC does not have any planned spend at this stage. Any application for hospitality will be assessed on its merits.</li> <li>f) N/A.</li> <li>g) The AEC classifies entertainment as hospitality, therefore response is as per (e).</li> <li>h) N/A.</li> <li>i) The AEC will consider any potential expenditure on hospitality and entertainment in light of available budget and statutory requirements on the expenditure of public money.</li> </ul>
ComSuper	<p>For the period 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Nil.</li> <li>b) N/A.</li> <li>c) Nil.</li> <li>d) N/A.</li> <li>e) Although ComSuper may hold minor hospitality events in 2013-14, currently there are no specific plans for such events.</li> <li>f) N/A.</li> <li>g) Currently, there are no specific plans for such events.</li> <li>h) As per the response for questions (e) and (g) ComSuper only incurs incidental hospitality expenditure. All hospitality and entertainment expenses are closely monitored and managed by ComSuper on an ongoing basis.</li> <li>i) N/A.</li> </ul>
Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) From 1 November 2013 – 31 January 2014 - \$1,972,34.</li> <li>b) N/A.</li> <li>c) Please refer to F132 Christmas party costs – there has been no additional expenditure on entertainment.</li> <li>d) N/A.</li> <li>e) None planned.</li> <li>f) N/A.</li> <li>g) None planned.</li> <li>h) N/A.</li> <li>i) No.</li> </ul>

Future Fund Management Agency

For the period 22 November 2013 to 31 January 2014:

a) \$2,181

Date	Function details	Venue	Cost
Various*	Lunch and dinner catering for various visitors.	Internal and various external venues	\$2,181

\*Compilation of specific details would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

b) N/A

c) \$15,145

Date	Function details	Venue	Cost
9 December 2013	Function with the Board	Elements, City	\$4,607
12 December 2013	Staff seasonal function	La Di Da, City	\$8,825
	Other staff functions		\$421
	Sector team events and functions		\$1,292

d) N/A.

e) No specific spending planned.

f) N/A.

g) No specific spending planned.

h) N/A.

i) No.

## Department of Finance - Entertainment Costs – 7 September to 31 January 2014

<b>DATE OF EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION OF EVENT</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>Total Cost (GST inclusive) \$</b>
11/09/2013	John Gorton Building, Parkes ACT	SES Function	387
29/11/2013	John Gorton Building, Parkes ACT	Movember event	65
29/11/2013	Strike Bowling, Brisbane QLD	End of Year Networking event for DHS Brisbane ICT entry level program^	1,232
6/12/2013	National Press Club, Canberra ACT	2013 Finance Staff Christmas party*	3,056
8/12/2013	National Zoo and Aquarium	2013 Finance Children's Christmas Party*	6,415
11/12/2013	Kingpin, Adelaide SA	End of Year Networking event for DHS Adelaide ICT program participants^	309
12/12/2013	University House, Australian National University	Graduation Ceremony for the Australian Government ICT Entry Level Programs^	3,691
13/12/2013	John Gorton Building, Parkes ACT	Budget Group end of Year Forum and Secretary's Awards	932
18/12/2013	John Gorton Building, Parkes ACT	SES Function	468
<b>Total</b>			<b>16,555</b>

\* Social club events throughout the financial year are subsidised by the Department. Cost of event is net of receipts from ticket sales.

^ These events are cost recovered from the relevant agencies.