

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

Finance Portfolio

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Senator: Ludwig

Topic: Christmas party costs

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Question:

1. List what functions were held by the department/agency for either Christmas or end of calendar year since 7 September 2013
2. What was the cost of each of these functions?
3. How was the money identified?
4. What was the location of these functions?
5. Provide a table of food and alcohol purchased for the function.

Answer:

Department / Agency	Response				
Finance	1.-5.				
	Function	Cost \$	Money identified	Location	Food & beverages
	Finance Children's Christmas Party	6,415	Departmental funds.	The Canberra Zoo and Aquarium	Sandwiches, wraps, salad and fruit. No alcohol was provided.
	Finance Staff Christmas Party	3,056	Departmental funds.	The National Press Club	Canapés and desserts. The first two drinks per person were provided.
AEC	1. No functions were held by the agency for either Christmas or end of calendar year. Social Clubs and committees funded and organised by staff hold Christmas functions. 2.-5.N/A.				
ComSuper	1. No events were held by ComSuper using public funds. 2.-5. N/A.				

Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	1.-5.				
	Function	Cost	Money identified	Location	Food and beverages
	Christmas lunch (Canberra office)	5,741.11	Annual budget	Canberra	This information is not available as the menu was set by the service provider or there was no set menu.
	Christmas lunch (Sydney office)	2,039.68	Annual budget	Sydney	This information is not available as the menu was set by the service provider or there was no set menu.
Future Fund Management Agency	Military Reconsideration Committee Christmas dinner	1,090.91	Annual budget	Canberra	This information is not available as the menu was set by the service provider or there was no set menu.
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	Function	Cost \$	Money identified	Location	Food & beverages
	Function for staff and Board members	4,607	FFMA budget	Elements, Melbourne	Food \$1,838 Drinks \$897
	Staff Seasonal Function	8,825	FFMA budget	La Di Da, Melbourne	Total cost for venue hire, food and drinks.