

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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Question:

1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date including any catering and drinks costs.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.

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8. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

Answer:

1. Refer to PM 227.
2. The Prime Minister's official hospitality is provided through administered funding appropriated for State Occasions and Official Visits and Ceremonial Hospitality. Other less significant hospitality undertaken by portfolio ministers is funded from departmental funds. No departmental hospitality costs for portfolio ministers have been incurred for the period 1 November 2014 to 31 January 2014.
For the costs, refer to PM 227.
3. In the rare case that entertainment costs are incurred by PM&C the costs are not recorded separately from official hospitality.
4. Entertainment provided at official functions hosted by the Prime Minister is provided through funding appropriated for CERHOS. For the period 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014, the entertainment spend was \$1,700.00 (GST inclusive) for a reception to celebrate Australia Day.
- 5 to 8. PM&C does not allocate budget specifically for official hospitality and entertainment. As events are identified, they are costed and paid from the existing PM&C budget or the existing State Occasions and Official Visits budget.