Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Supplementary Estimates – February 2014
ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General
Program 1: Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities
Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

Topic: Meeting costs
Senator: Ludwig
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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:
1. The Office arranges many meetings. For costs that are met by the Office, information is not recorded in a way that would readily enable these questions to be answered. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.
2. N/A
3. Any expenditure on meetings is expected to be kept to a minimum, taking into account operating guidelines on the efficient and ethical use of resources.
4. N/A