

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Hospitality and entertainment - Indigenous Affairs All Agency

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

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spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

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

Answer:

To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of limited agency resources. Questions 2, 4 and 6 are not held to be applicable to the Indigenous Affairs agencies within the portfolio.