

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates 2013-14, February 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of National Assessments

Outcome/Program: 1

Topic: Hospitality and entertainment

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

ONA Response:

1. ONA hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to 28 February 2014 is \$9,154.29
2. Nil
3. Entertainment is not recorded separately from hospitality; expenditure is included at (1).
4. Nil
5. Official Functions & Liaison total planned expenditure for financial year to 30 June 2014: \$50,000. ONA's hospitality and entertainment expenditure relates to maintenance and management of foreign intelligence relationships. To attempt to provide a greater level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

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6. Nil
7. Entertainment is not recorded separately from hospitality; expenditure is included at (5).
8. Nil
9. ONA is reviewing all non-essential expenditure including these items. Reductions are expected on some hospitality expenditure.