

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Outcome/Program: Cross portfolio

Topic: Christmas party costs

Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

List what functions were held by the department/agency for either Christmas or end of calendar year since 7 September 2013.

1. What was the cost of each of these functions?
2. How was the money identified?
3. What was the location of these functions?
4. Provide a table of food and alcohol purchased for the function

Answer:

Expenses were incurred by the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) for Christmas or end of calendar year functions as detailed in the following table.

Function	Cost including GST	How was the money identified	Location	Table of food and alcohol purchased.
End of year function – Canberra office	\$3,930	An amount per person was paid by the Commission	Canberra	This was a fixed contribution to the total cost which included food and drinks.
End of year function – Melbourne office	\$180	An amount per person was paid by the Commission	Melbourne	This was a fixed contribution to the total cost which included food and drinks.
End of year function – Brisbane office	\$180	An amount per person was paid by the Commission	Brisbane	This was a fixed contribution to the total cost which included food and drinks.
End of year function – APSC Sydney office	\$210	An amount per person was paid by the Commission	Sydney	This was a fixed contribution to the total cost which included food and drinks.

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Function	Cost including GST	How was the money identified	Location	Table of food and alcohol purchased.
End of year function – Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal	\$1,000	The Commission paid for catering for the event on behalf of the Tribunal	Canberra	The total catering cost included food and drinks but was not separately itemised.

Other teams and groups within the APSC held functions other than those listed above, however these were held at no cost to the APSC.