

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES (ADDITIONAL HEARINGS) 2013-2014**

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

**Outcome/Program:**

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

**Topic:** Christmas Party Costs

**Senator:** Senator Ludwig

**Question reference number:** 213

**Type of question:** Written

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**Question:**

- (1) List what functions were held by the department/agency for either Christmas or end of calendar year since 7 September 2013.
- (2) What was the cost of each of these functions?
- (3) How was the money identified?
- (4) What was the location of these functions?
- (5) Provide a table of food and alcohol purchased for the function.

**Answer:**

- (1) The Office had a Christmas function for Canberra office staff on 6 December 2013.
- (2) The Office did not contribute towards any of the costs associated with the Christmas function
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) The Office Christmas function for Canberra office staff was held at the Canberra North Bowling Club, McCaughey Street, Turner, Australian Capital Territory.
- (5) Not applicable.