

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2014

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation

Outcome/Program: General

Topic: Meeting costs

Senator: Ryan

Question reference number: F81

Type of question: Written

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Answer:

The information on meeting expenditure is not readily available. The compilation of the information would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

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Answer:

- a) For the period 1 July 2012 to 30 April 2013, \$41,638. Further detailed cost information is not available as this level of detail is not recorded in the AEC's chart of accounts.
- b) N/A.
- c) The AEC will consider any potential expenditure on meeting costs in light of available budget and statutory requirements on the expenditure of public money.
- d) N/A.

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Answer:

- a) N/A.
- b) N/A.
- c) There are no plans for meeting expenses for the balance of the 2012/13 financial year.
- d) N/A.

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Answer:

- a) For the period 1 July 2012 to 30 April 2013, \$3,222. The total cost includes any catering and drinks costs.
- b) N/A.
- c) CSC expects to hold additional meetings in 2012-13, however there are no specific plans for any significant additional events.
- d) N/A.

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Answer:

- a) It would be an unreasonable diversion of agency resources to compile this information.
- b) N/A.
- c) N/A.
- d) N/A.