

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 101

Topic: Hospitality and entertainment

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Senator Ludwig asked:

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.

Answer:

Department of Social Services (including Social Security Appeals Tribunal – SSAT)
Hospitality is used for business purposes, when required and may include spending on planned events across Australia to recognise important and significant dates such as:

- Australia Day Awards
- National Families Week
- Seniors Week
- Mental Health Week
- International Day for People with Disability
- White Ribbon Day
- Donate Life Week
- Carers Week

The breakdown of events information is not readily available for the Department. To identify this information would require a significant diversion of resources.

Australian Institute of Family Studies

The Australian Institute of Family Studies has not planned any additional spends on hospitality however this is subject to change based on operational requirements.

National Disability Insurance Agency

The National Disability Insurance Agency has not separately planned for hospitality spends. Hospitality is used for business purposes when it will facilitate the achievement of Agency policy objectives.