

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: 105

Topic: Hospitality and entertainment

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on hospitality and entertainment items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

Answer:

Department of Social Services (including Social Security Appeals Tribunal – SSAT)

The Department has stringent rules regarding the use of funds for the purpose of providing Hospitality. Hospitality is used when required, for business purposes, which is separate to spending on planned events held across Australia to recognise important and significant dates.

National Disability Insurance Agency

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) has stringent rules regarding the use of funds for the purpose of providing hospitality. Hospitality requires a specific financial delegation that is limited to senior NDIA officials and is only used when it will facilitate the achievement of Agency policy objectives and represent efficient, effective, economical and ethical use of Agency resources.

Australian Aged Care Quality Agency

Yes. There are no staff and stakeholder functions planned for the Australian Aged Care Quality for the six months to 30th June 2014.