

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 11 FEBRUARY 2016 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Meeting costs

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Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

- a) How much has the Department/Agency spent on meeting costs? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
- b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.
- c) What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.

Answer:

- a) The department's spending on meetings is included in the response for the combined hospitality, food and beverage expenditure as per Question on Notice HS 52 *Hospitality and Entertainment*. It would require an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources to provide details of the date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
- b) Nil.
- c) The department does not forecast expenses at this level.
- d) The department does not forecast expenses at this level.