

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 2 MARCH 2017 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Departmental Functions

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Question:

In relation to expenditure on any departmental functions or official receptions etc since 1 October 2016, can the following please be provided:

- a) list of functions;
- b) list of attendees;
- c) function venue;
- d) itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);
- e) details of any food served;
- f) details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and
- g) details of any entertainment provided.

Answer:

The Department's combined hospitality, food and beverage spend was \$1,026,108 for the calendar year 2016, down from \$1,095,645 in 2015. Included within this amount is the provision of tea, coffee and biscuits for community support services such as Financial Information Service seminars, emergency relief centres during disasters such as fires, tropical cyclones and floods, and multicultural advisory group meetings. It would require an unreasonable diversion of resources to provide details of each event.