

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 2 MARCH 2017 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Gifts

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Senator: Bilyk

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Question:

- a) What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of all gifts purchased for use by departmental officials in calendar year 2016?
- b) Can an itemised list of gifts and costs thereof (GST inclusive) please be provided?
- c) Who was the recipient of each gift?
- d) For what purpose was each gift given?
- e) What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of all gifts purchased for use by Ministers in the portfolio in calendar year 2016?
- f) Can an itemised list of gifts and costs thereof (GST inclusive) please be provided?
- g) Which Minister gave each gift?
- h) Who was the recipient of each gift?
- i) For what purpose was each gift given?

Answer:

- a) \$18,323.
- b) – d) It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to prepare an itemised list of gifts. In general, gifts are given by officials of the Department for guest speakers, visiting delegations, community sponsorships and staff related gifts such as bereavement flowers.
- e) – i) Nil.