

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 2 MARCH 2017 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Snacks

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Question:

- a) What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of supplying fruit and other snacks at departmental premises in calendar year 2016?
- b) What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of supplying fruit and other snacks to ministerial offices in calendar year 2016? Please provide a breakdown of the costs for each separate ministerial office, covering both offices at Parliament House and elsewhere.

Answer:

- a) The combined hospitality, food and beverage spend was \$1,026,108 for the calendar year 2016. 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.
- b) The Department spent \$229 on coffee and sandwiches at Parliament House for two meetings with the Minister of Human Services and departmental staff to provide information on front line service delivery within the Department.