

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 935

Topic: Meeting costs

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Senator Ludwig asked:

What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.

Answer:

The Department does not separately identify spending on meetings. These costs are included in hospitality. Information relating to the Department's hospitality spend is provided in Question No. 911.

Australian Aged Care Quality Agency

The Quality Agency's General Managers and State Managers met together to review progress following the commencement of operations on 1 January 2014. The meeting was held at the Quality Agency's offices in Parramatta on 11/12 June. The cost of catering and drinks was \$300.

| Date | Location | Purpose | Cost |
|-------------|-----------------|---|-------------|
| 07 03 2014 | Canberra | State Key Stakeholder Liaison Group meeting | \$470 |
| 19 03 2014 | Melbourne | State Key Stakeholder Liaison Group meeting | \$178 |
| 13 03 2014 | Hobart | State Key Stakeholder Liaison Group meeting | \$352 |
| 16 04 2014 | Darwin | State Key Stakeholder Liaison Group meeting | \$250 |

Social Security Appeals Tribunal

| Date | Location | Purpose | Cost |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| March, April and May 2014 | SSAT premises | Management of tribunal business | \$271.71 |
| April 2014 | SSAT premises | Stakeholder engagement | \$71.35 |
| March and May 2014 | Various remote locations | Community education and awareness | \$1,121.16 |

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Australian Institute of Family Studies

The Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS) has spent a total of \$1,445.28 (ex GST) on meetings.

| Date | Location | Purpose | Cost |
|-------------|-----------------|---|-------------|
| 25 Mar 14 | AIFS premises | Stakeholder meeting – Australian Gambling Research Centre | \$89.09 |
| 26 Mar 14 | AIFS premises | Working Meeting – Australian Gambling Research Centre Expert Advisory Group | \$390.75 |
| 3 Apr 14 | AIFS premises | Working Meeting – Australian Gambling Research Centre Expert Advisory Group | \$10.80 |
| 7 Apr 14 | AIFS premises | Working meeting – DSS | \$115.16 |
| 9 Apr 14 | AIFS premises | Working meeting – DSS | \$115.16 |
| 10 Apr 14 | AIFS premises | Working meeting – AIFS Advisory Council, Including staff liaison consultation | \$665.22 |
| 17 Apr 14 | AIFS premises | Working meeting – DSS | \$9.55 |
| 1 May 14 | Canberra | Stakeholder meeting – Australian Bureau of Statistics | \$18.18 |
| 1 May 14 | Melbourne CBD | Stakeholder meeting – Judith Lumley Centre representative | \$6.73 |
| 12 May 14 | AIFS premises | Stakeholder meeting – Australian Temperament Study | \$10.09 |
| 28 May 13 | FACS Sydney | Stakeholder meeting – FACS NSW | \$14.55 |

National Disability Insurance Agency

The National Disability Insurance Agency's (NDIA) total general meeting spend from 27 February to 31 May 2014 including catering is \$82,491 (excluding GST).

The NDIA does not separately identify detailed information on individual meetings.