

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016, 1 – 2 June 2015

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OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Public Servants at Budget Night Events

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Peris, Nova

Question:

- a) Did any public servants assist or work at Budget night functions at Parliament House? If so, in what capacity did they assist or work at these functions?
- b) What roles did they perform?
- c) Were any of these events Liberal, National, LNP, WA National or Country Liberal Party fundraisers?
- d) Who requested their presence?
- e) Were they paid? If so, by whom?
- f) Did the Minister request their presence? If not, who did?
- g) Can any correspondence or request for their presence be provided to the Committee?

Answer:

- a) Two public servants attended the Budget Media Lock-Up at Parliament House between 1.30 and 7.30pm, but no functions. They were there to provide information to media who had questions about the Health measures announced in the Budget.
- b) Official capacity of officers within the Department of Health.
- c) No.
- d) Treasury.
- e) No additional funding was provided as this was part of their role as departmental officials.
- f) No. As per d) above.
- g) Treasury provided an official request to all departments for officers to attend. This request can be obtained from Treasury.