Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2017-18 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs Question No: SQ17-000476

Topic: Departmental functions

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Senator Catryna Bilyk asked:

In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio since 1 March 2017, can the following please be provided:

- List of functions;
- List of attendees;
- Function venue;
- Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);
- Details of any food served;
- Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and
- Details of any entertainment provided.

Answer:

The Department's function and official reception expenditure is not recorded in the finance system to this level of detail. To obtain this level of detail would require an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.