

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 23-24 OCTOBER 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment

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Question:

Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:

- a) What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs?
- b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- c) What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- e) What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- f) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- g) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- h) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- i) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

Answer:

- a) The combined hospitality, food and beverage spend from Budget Estimates in June 2014 to 31 October 2014 is \$305 809. This includes expenditure on tea, coffee, and biscuits for community support services such as Financial Information Service seminars and CRS Australia customer meetings.
- b) Nil.
- c) Nil.
- d) Nil.
- e) The department does not forecast for these expenses at this level.
- f) Nil.
- g) Nil.
- h) Nil.
- i) The department regularly monitors its spend on hospitality to ensure there is a business need and the cost is reasonable.