

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: G20 - Expenses

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Please provide an itemised table of all expenses incurred by the department since September 7, 2013 associated with official G20 and related working group, taskforce, roundtable, Sherpa meetings, workshop and study groups) events, including but not limited to hospitality, accommodation, transport, recreation, merchandise, meals/drinks, catering, security.

For each item, please provide:

1. The name of the event/meeting that the expense related to.
 2. The location of the event.
 3. The date of the event.
 4. The name and ABN of the service provider.
 5. Advise whether the contract was awarded through an open tender process.
 6. The total value of the contract/invoice.
 7. The date the contract was executed by the Department.
 8. The number of attendees at the event, if applicable.
 9. Advise whether an Australian Government Minister was in attendance. Please detail.
 10. Advise whether foreign delegates were in attendance. Please detail.
- Advise whether the contract/expenditure was approved by the Prime Minister's Office, and if so the date that approval was sought and granted.

Answer:

The Department of Health's systems are not structured to provide the level of detail sought and to do this manually would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

1. to 3.

For the period 7 September 2013 to 16 November 2014, the Department participated in the following G20 events:

- Secondment to G20 Taskforce, Brisbane, 5–17 November 2014;
 - Official G20 observer programme, Brisbane, 11–15 November 2014;
 - Ebola Working Group meetings, Brisbane, 12–14 November 2014.
- Domestic travel and accommodation costs totalled \$7,951.17 for the three officials who attended.

4. to 10.

The Department did not arrange or enter into any contracts for G20 meetings.