

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Hearings February 2014

Communications Portfolio

Special Broadcasting Service

Question No: 291

Program No. Special Broadcasting Service (SBS)

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Hospitality and entertainment

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date including any catering and drinks costs.
2. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

Answer:

1. SBS has spent \$236,975 on a number of commercial sales related events for advertisers and media buyers, including annual client showcases. In addition SBS has spent \$6,992 on a range of stakeholder engagement events, including a Board stakeholder event and a DFAT tour of SBS.
2. Refer to (1).
3. SBS plans on only a modest amount of spending consistent with recent expenditure.
4. SBS plans on only a modest amount of spending consistent with recent expenditure.
5. SBS spends only a modest amount on hospitality and entertainment but looks to achieve savings wherever it is possible in order to operate as efficiently and effectively as possible.