

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications and the Arts

Question No: 165(a)

Department of Communications and the Arts

Hansard Ref: Written, 19/02/2016

Topic: Hospitality and entertainment

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs.
2. 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.
3. What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

Answer:

- 1-4. Details of the Department's and Minister's hospitality expenditure from 14 September 2015 to 29 February 2016 is provided in the tables below:

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Date	Location	Purpose	Total (GST Excl)
14/12/15	Elston Room, Carriageworks, Sydney, 245 Wilson Street Eveleigh NSW 2016	Prime Minister's Literary Awards presentation ceremony (12 DoCA Officers and 200 non-APS)	\$12, 412
07/09/15	Parliament House Canberra (Room 1S4)	Family Violence Roundtable Conference (30 people)	\$174.39

Ministry of Arts

Date	Location	Purpose	Total (GST Excl)
	Nil		Nil

The Department's financial management system does not allow for a distinction between spending on 'hospitality' and 'entertainment'. Any entertainment expenses will be included within the total hospitality expense.

- 5-7. The Department does not currently have any hospitality or entertainment planned.
- 6-8. The Department is not aware of any planned expenses relating to hospitality or entertainment for the offices of the Minister.
9. No.