

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Question No: 165(c)

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Hansard Ref: Written, 19/2/2016

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. SBS has spent \$237,015 on a number of commercial sales related events for advertisers and media buyers, including annual client showcases held in the 5 mainland capital cities.
2. Not applicable.
3. Refer Q1 above
4. Not applicable.
5. Nothing planned at this stage

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6. Not applicable.
7. Nothing planned at this stage
8. Not applicable.
9. Spending on these items occurs and is approved on a case by case basis.