

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Australian Communications and Media Authority

Question No: 165(e)

Australian Communications and Media Authority

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. The ACMA incurred hospitality costs of \$818 during the period 14 September 2015 to 31 March 2016.
2. The ACMA had no hospitality spend for the Minister or the Parliamentary Secretary's office for the period.
3. The ACMA's entertainment spend from 14 September 2015 to 31 March 2016 was \$2,572. Please refer to the table below for details.

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<i>Entertainment expenses from 14 September 2015 to 31 March 2016</i>			
Date	Location	Purpose	Cost (\$)
16/10/15	Sydney	Pens for guest speakers at Live Captioning: let's talk event (15/09/2015 to 1/10/2015)	\$ 152
16/10/15	Canberra	World Radiocommunications Conference - gifts for bilateral meetings (2/11/2015 to 27/11/2015) – Geneva, Switzerland	\$ 812
20/10/15	Canberra	Gift of Weather Stations to be presented to other delegations during WRC15	\$ 825
9&10/3/16	Sydney	Gifts for speakers at the Radcomms 2016 conference	\$ 783
Total			\$ 2,572

4. The ACMA had no entertainment spend for the Minister or the Parliamentary Secretary's office for the period.
5. The ACMA's estimated hospitality spend for the period 1 April 2016 to 30 June 2016 is approximately \$390. This is a contingency for various externally focussed events, however specific details are unknown at this stage.
6. There is no planned hospitality spend for either the Minister or the Parliamentary Secretary's office at this stage.
7. The ACMA estimates entertainment spend for the period 1 April 2016 to 30 June 2016 of \$217. This is a contingency for various externally focussed events, however specific details are unknown at this stage.
8. There is no planned entertainment spend for the Minister or the Parliamentary Secretary's office at this stage.
9. No.