

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Hearings February 2016

Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications and the Arts

Question No: 188(a)

Program 1.1

Hansard Ref: Written, 19/02/2016

Topic: Meeting costs

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

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

1. How much has the Department/Agency spent on meeting costs? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.
3. What meeting 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. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.

Answer:

- 1-2. The details sought relating to meeting expenses are not captured within a central database. As such, the Department is not in a position to readily provide the information requested. The Department does not keep separate information between Hospitality, Entertainment and Meeting expenses.
3. The Department does not currently have any planned expenditure relating to meeting costs.
4. The Department is not aware of any planned expenses relating to meeting costs for the Minister's Office.