

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

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**Question No: 188(e)**

**Australian Communications and Media Authority**

**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. The ACMA incurred meeting costs of \$9,444 during the period 14 September 2015 to 29 January 2016. Please refer to below details for details on date, location and purpose.

<b><i>Meeting Expenses from 14 September 2015 to 29 January 2016</i></b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cost (\$)</b>
15/09/2015	Sydney	Citizen Conversation forum	\$ 1,921
18/09/2015	Canberra	Authority hosted external stakeholder lunch	\$ 448
18/09/2015	Sydney	Radio Planning Committee meeting	\$ 210
23/09/2015	Canberra	ACMA Shared services Open day	\$ 376
01/10/2015	Melbourne	Authority hosted external stakeholder lunch	\$ 855
07/10/2015	Sydney	Lunch for strategy session	\$ 615
15/10/2015	Sydney	Authority hosted external stakeholder lunch	\$ 249
28/10/2015	Sydney	Lunch for strategy session	\$ 375
13/11/2015	Melbourne	Consumer Consultative Forum	\$ 287
16/11/2015	Canberra	Divisional planning day lunch	\$ 435
27/11/2015	Sydney	Planning day lunch	\$ 834
17/12/2015	Sydney	Authority hosted external stakeholder lunch	\$ 904
17/09/2015- 29/01/2015	Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra	Refreshments for workshops, planning days, meetings with stakeholders etc. (less than \$50 per occasion)	\$ 1,935
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 9,444</b>

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2. The ACMA incurred no expenditure for the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary's office for the period.
3. The ACMA's planned spend on meetings for the period 1 February 2016 to 30 June 2016 is less than \$10,000. Specific details of future meeting costs are unknown at this stage.
4. The ACMA has no planned expenditure for Minister or Parliamentary Secretary office meetings.