

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Question No: 188(k)

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Hansard Ref: Written, 19/02/2016

Topic: Meeting costs

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

National Cultural Institutions

- Australian National Maritime Museum
- National Film and Sound Archive
- National Gallery of Australia
- National Library of Australia
- National Museum of Australia
- National Portrait Gallery
- The Museum of Australian Democracy

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:

Australian National Maritime Museum

1. From 19 October 2015 to 08 February 2016 the ANMM arranged a large number of meetings on an as needs basis. To attempt to provide the level of detail for all meetings would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.
2. N/A.
3. As spending on meetings is on an as-needs basis and not a significant budget item, there is no formally planned meeting spend for the Agency.
4. N/A.

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1-4 To attempt to provide the level of detail requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

National Gallery of Australia

1. The National Gallery of Australia arranges a large number of meetings on an as-needs basis. Providing details for all meetings would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.
2. N/A.
3. As spending on meetings is on an as-needs basis and not a significant budget item, there is no formally planned meeting spend for the National Gallery of Australia.
4. N/A.

National Library of Australia

1. To attempt to provide the level of detail requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.
2. N/A.
3. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.
4. N/A.

National Museum of Australia

- 1 & 3. To attempt to provide the level of detail requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of Museum resources.
- 2 & 4 N/A.

National Portrait Gallery

1. The National Portrait Gallery does not hold information relating to the date, location, purpose and cost of each meeting including any catering and drinks costs. To attempt to provide the level of detail for all meetings would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.
2. N/A.
3. As spending on meetings are on an as-needs basis and not a specific budget line, there is no formally planned meeting spend for the Gallery other than the NPGA Board meetings. Details in table below.

Event	Date of event	Location	Budget
NPGA Board Meeting	19 February 2016	NPGA	\$500 (ex GST)
NPGA Board Meeting	29 April 2016	NPGA	\$500 (ex GST)

4. N/A.

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2. N/A.
3. To attempt to provide the level of detail requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.
4. N/A.