

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
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Question No: 210(g)

Australia Council

Hansard Ref: Written, 19/02/2016

Topic: Staff Awards

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

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

1. Has the Department / Agency given out awards to staff for any reason? If yes:
 1. What was the reason for the awards?
 2. What was the criteria for the awards?
 3. What form did the award take? (e.g. Certificate, gift vouchers etc)
 4. How much was spent on the award?
2. How were the awards presented?
3. Who presented the awards?
4. Was there a ceremony or party for the awards? If yes:
 1. Where was it held?
 2. Was there a fee for the venue? If yes, how much?
 3. How much was spent on catering?
 4. How many people attended?
 5. Did the minister attend?
 6. Did the minister's staff attend? If yes, how many?

Answer:

1. Yes.
 1. Annual staff awards.
 2. To recognise and reward those employees who consistently work in a way which aligns to Australia Council values and reinforces the expected culture at Australia Council. The values are: Collaboration, Resilience, Integrity, Service, Diversity, Leadership.
 3. Gift voucher and framed certificate of recognition.
 4. \$150 per award (GST inclusive). A total of seven awards were given.
2. At an Australia Council all staff meeting.
3. The Chief Executive Officer and Chair of the Australia Council presented the awards.

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4. Yes.
 1. On Australia Council premises.
 2. No.
 3. \$497.86.
 4. 81.
 5. No.
 6. No.