

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Budget Estimates Hearings May 2014**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Department of Communications**

**Question No: 683**

**Program No. Corporate and Business**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Meeting Costs**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

1. What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from 25 February 2014 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
2. 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.

**Answer:**

1 and 2. The details sought about the 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.