

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
Supplementary Budget Hearings November 2014
Communications Portfolio
Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency

Question No: 290

Program No. TUSMA

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Meeting costs

Senator LUDWIG asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

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 Estimates, 2014 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. Since 1 June 2014 to 30 November 2014, TUSMA has held seven Board Meetings. Details are as follows for catering:

Meeting No.	Member Meeting Date	Location	Meeting Costs (GST inclusive)
19.	27 June 2014	Melbourne	\$335.71
20.	25 July 2014	Melbourne	\$204.74
21.	29 August 2014	Melbourne	\$247.44
22.	24 September 2014	Melbourne	\$278.19
23.	31 October 2014	Melbourne	\$256.49
24.	28 November 2014	Melbourne	\$229.25
25.	18 December 2014	Melbourne	\$120.75
TOTAL			\$1,672.57

2. Not applicable,
3. TUSMA anticipates that there will be costs incurred for the TUSMA Board Meetings which are held monthly. The costs will vary as it is dependent on the location and number of people in attendance.
4. Not applicable.