Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2014

Communications Portfolio

Australia Post

Question No: 318

Program No: Australia Post

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: G20 - expenses

Senator Ludwig asked:

Please provide an itemised table of all expenses incurred by the department since September 7, 2013 associated with official G20 and related working group, taskforce, roundtable, Sherpa meetings, workshop and study groups) events, including but not limited to hospitality, accommodation, transport, recreation, merchandise, meals/drinks, catering, security.

For each item, please provide:
1. The name of the event/meeting that the expense related to.
2. The location of the event.
3. The date of the event.
4. The name and ABN of the service provider.
5. Advise whether the contract was awarded through an open tender process.
6. The total value of the contract/invoice.
7. The date the contract was executed by the Department.
8. The number of attendees at the event, if applicable.
9. Advise whether an Australian Government Minister was in attendance. Please detail.
10. Advise whether foreign delegates were in attendance. Please detail.

Advise whether the contract/expenditure was approved by the Prime Minister's Office, and if so the date that approval was sought and granted.

Answer:

Australia Post's involvement in the G20 was limited to assisting Police with identifying various Australia Post facilities and locations so that they could be evaluated for risk. The majority of planning for the G20 by Australia Post, began approximately 12 months prior to the event on 14 November 2014. Initial stakeholder meetings were held at Australia Post premises and followed up with offsite meetings in Brisbane. These meetings were attended to by Queensland Police and once with ASIO. The other details sought are not captured on any central database. As such, Australia Post is not in a position to provide the information requested.