

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

Question No: 84

Program 1.1

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Meeting costs

Senator Ludwig, Joe 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:

- 1-2. 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. Refer to Question on Notice 85 from Budget Estimates hearings of November 2014 for costs associated with Hospitality.
3. The Department does not currently have any planned expenditure relating to meeting costs.
4. The Department is not aware of any planned expenses relating to meeting costs for the offices of the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary.