

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings October 2015

Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications and the Arts

Question No: 25

Program 1.1

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Topic: Ministerial Functions

Senator Bilyk, Catryna asked:

In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers in the portfolio in 2015, can the following please be provided:

- List of functions;
- List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff;
- Function venue;
- Itemised list of costs;
- Details of any food served;
- Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and
- Details of any entertainment provided.

Answer:

Details of the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary Office's functions and official receptions during 2015 to date are provided in the table below:

Malcolm Turnbull	Date	Location	Purpose	Total (GST Exc)
	04/03/2015	Parliament House	Industry stakeholder meetings	\$1,156.18
	18/03/2015			

Paul Fletcher	Date	Location	Purpose	Total (GST Exc)
	16/07/2015	Shanghai, China	Industry stakeholder meeting	\$163.10

The Department's financial management system does not allow for a distinction between spending on meals, drinks, entertainment and other costs.

The Department also does not maintain records of which departmental officials, Minister's staff and family attend these functions.