## **Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

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**Question:** AET 216

**Topic:** SBT 500-504 Hospitality and Entertainment (ACCC)

Written: 5 March 2014

## Senator LUDWIG asked:

216. I reference to question on notice SBT 500-504, I note that the ACCC has said they are unable to answer the question put to them It is a question that has been easily answered by other far smaller agencies. It is again put to the ACCC to answer the original question put to them in Question on Notice 500-504.

SBT 500. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for all the events provided under 'Meeting Costs' including any catering and drinks costs.

SBT 501. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from 7 September 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

SBT 502. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

SBT 503. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are they?

#### Answer:

SBT 504.

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SBT 500. Hospitality and Entertainment spend is not classified separately in the ACCC's accounts. Hospitality and Entertainment spend is not included in the meeting costs data.

SBT 501. Hospitality and Entertainment spend from 7 September 2013 to 30 November 2013 is set out in the below table.

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| Date         | Location                          | Purpose   | Cost    |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|---|---------|
| 10 Sept 2013 | Courgette<br>Restaurant, Canberra | Dinner with<br>Productivity<br>Commission             | \$896   |
| 11 Oct 2013  | Adelaide                          | Gifts for Vietnam<br>Secondment                       | \$23    |
| 13 Oct 2013  | Marriott, Surfers<br>Paradise     | Dinner with OECD/IPSC Representatives                 | \$1,679 |
| 14 Oct 2013  | Adelaide                          | Gifts for Energy<br>Intermarket<br>Surveillance Group | \$1,032 |
| 15 Oct 2013  | Scuzzi, Adelaide                  | Lunch with reporter                                   | \$17    |
| 17 Oct 2013  | Rydges, Canberra                  | Lunch with Kenyan<br>Delegation                       | \$144   |
| Total        |                                   |   | \$3,791 |

| SBT 502. | No further expenditure on Hospitality and Entertainment in 2013-14 is planned at this point in time.              |
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| SBT 503. | Hospitality and Entertainment spend is not classified separately in the ACCC's accounts. Please refer to SBT 502. |

SBT 504. No further expenditure is planned for the remainder of 2013-14 at this point in time.