

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Additional Estimates

26 February 2014

Question: AET 393-394

Topic: Meeting Costs (ACCC)

Written: 5 March 2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

393. What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.

394. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

Answer:

393. The ACCC's meeting expenditure from 1 December 2013 to 28 February 2014 is \$4,339.89. The details of the expenditure are provided in the below table.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost (\$)
11/11/2013	Melbourne Office	Infrastructure Consultative Committee	267.00
14/11/2013	Melbourne Office	AER Customer Consultative Group	204.00
19/12/2013	Melbourne Office	SP AusNet revenue reset 2014–2017	128.40
19/12/2013	Melbourne Office	AER Customer Consultative Group	62.00
19/12/2013	Melbourne Office	Phase II Energy Made Easy	62.00
19/12/2013	Melbourne Office	Phase II Energy Made Easy	50.60
8/01/2014	Sydney Office	Enforcement operations	42.50
8/01/2014	Sydney Office	Enforcement operations	55.00
12/12/2013	Sydney Office	Enforcement operations	40.00
27/11/2013	Sydney Office	Small Business Consultative Committee	44.00
27/11/2013	Sydney Office	Expenditure assessment guideline	35.00
27/11/2013	Sydney Office	Expenditure assessment guideline	31.50
17/12/2013	Sydney Office	Expenditure assessment guideline	38.50
27/11/2013	Sydney Office	Franchising Consultative Panel	109.00
12/12/2013	Sydney Office	Enforcement operations	40.00
12/12/2013	Sydney Office	Enforcement operations	40.00
19/12/2013	Sydney Office	Enforcement operations	40.00
8/01/2014	Sydney Office	Enforcement operations	25.00
8/01/2014	DCARX560449546	Enforcement operations	25.00
8/01/2014	Sydney Office	Enforcement operations	25.00
9/12/2013	Brisbane Office	RoLR registrations and appointments	17.68
9/12/2013	Brisbane Office	Enforcement operations	4.82
9/12/2013	Y	Enforcement operations	24.18

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8/11/2013	Brisbane Office	Enforcement operations	9.00
8/11/2013	Brisbane Office	Enforcement operations	61.64
10/12/2013	Sydney Office	RoLR	132.00
10/12/2013	Sydney Office	RoLR	65.45
10/12/2013	Sydney Office	Compliance Liaison	206.00
5/11/2013	Sydney Office	Enforcement operations	1.14
17/12/2013	Sydney Office	Enforcement operations	1.14
26/11/2013	Sydney Office	Enforcement operations	1.82
20/11/2013	Sydney Office	Enforcement operations	3.64
9/12/2013	Sydney Office	Enforcement operations	1.14
20/11/2013	Melbourne Office	Energy retail industry breakfast	7.00
8/11/2013	Melbourne Office	General administrative issues	34.16
13/11/2013	Melbourne Office	Compliance Liaison	68.18
2/12/2013	Adelaide Office	Enforcement operations	25.45
3/12/2013	Adelaide Office	Enforcement operations	25.45
4/12/2013	Adelaide Office	Enforcement operations	27.27
11/12/2013	Brisbane Office	Enforcement operations	99.50
29/11/2013	Brisbane Office	Enforcement operations	36.00
27/11/2013	Melbourne Office	Enforcement operations	101.82
6/12/2013	Melbourne Office	Enforcement operations	101.82
16/12/2013	Melbourne Office	Enforcement operations	130.91
26/11/2013	Melbourne Office	Enforcement operations	83.64
26/11/2013	Melbourne Office	Enforcement operations	76.36
27/11/2013	Melbourne Office	Enforcement operations	103.64
2/12/2013	Melbourne Office	Enforcement operations	103.64
6/12/2013	Melbourne Office	Enforcement operations	110.91
10/12/2013	Melbourne Office	Enforcement operations	69.09
19/12/2013	Melbourne Office	Enforcement operations	69.09
19/12/2013	Melbourne Office	Enforcement operations	69.09
14/11/2013	Melbourne Office	Enforcement operations	64.09
6/12/2013	Melbourne Office	Enforcement operations	72.36
19/12/2013	Melbourne Office	Enforcement operations	72.36
6/01/2014	Melbourne Office	Retail Markets Energy Affordability Report 2012 13	10.91
6/01/2014	Melbourne Office	Retail Markets Energy Affordability Report 2012 13	39.73
17/12/2013	Melbourne Office	Expenditure assessment guideline	40.91
14/11/2013	Canberra Office	Legal Services Multi-Use List Transition	21.36
22/11/2013	Melbourne Office	Consumer Challenge Panel - Administration	245.06
22/11/2013	Melbourne Office	Energy retail industry breakfast	148.27

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11/11/2013	Melbourne Office	General administrative issues	218.34
19/12/2013	Melbourne Office	Expenditure assessment guideline	43.94
27/02/2014	Perth Office	Enforcement operations	6.27
3/12/2013	Sydney Office	Enforcement operations	8.14
3/12/2013	Sydney Office	Enforcement operations	1.25
3/12/2013	Sydney Office	Merger investigations	5.59
3/12/2013	Sydney Office	Merger investigations	2.00
18/11/2013	Sydney Office	Compliance Liaison	2.00
25/10/2013	Sydney Office	Franchising Consultative Panel	1.25
25/10/2013	Canberra Office	Franchising Consultative Panel	16.25
18/11/2013	Canberra Office	Enforcement operations	82.64
Total Cost for period 1 December 2013 to 28 February 2014			4,339.89

394. The planned expenditure on meetings is \$42,000 for the full 2013-14 financial year. The budget for this expenditure is not planned down to the external/internal meeting level.

The ACCC sets the meetings budget based on previous financial year expenditure and adjusts for savings measures and cost reductions.