

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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26 February 2014

Question: AET 818-822

Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment (ABS)

Written: 5 March 2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

818. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date including any catering and drinks costs.
819. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment 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.
820. 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.
821. 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. h) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spends is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
822. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

Answer:

818-819. The Australian Bureau of Statistics did not receive any additional appropriation in the Supplementary Budget Estimates. The Australian Bureau of Statistics has spent \$3,837.28 (exclusive of GST) from its Annual Appropriation from 1 November 2013 to 28 February 2014 on Hospitality/Entertainment including any catering and drinks costs.

These amounts relate to expenditure used to facilitate the conduct of public business within and between Commonwealth agencies; or with external organisations and agencies; or with external organisations or individuals with related vocational, technical or business interests.

The date, location, purpose and cost of all events are listed in the attached Table 1.

820-822. Spending proposals are decided on a case by case basis with consideration of the purpose for hospitality/entertainment, which is to facilitate the conduct of public business within and between Commonwealth agencies; or with external organisations and agencies; or with external organisations or individuals with related vocational, technical or business interests.

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Table 1: Hospitality/Entertainment:

Hospitality – Senate Estimates YTD Expenditure:

Date	State	City	Purpose	Amount (Excl GST)\$
17/11/2013	NSW	Sydney	Official visit - Lunch with international delegates	\$ 121.37
05/11/2013	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - Lunch with international delegates	\$ 50.55
21/11/2013	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - Dinner with International Delegation	\$ 378.91
14/11/2013	ACT	Canberra	Official visit - Dinner with Timorese Delegation	\$ 860.27
19/11/2013	NSW	Sydney	Official visit - Dinner with Statistical Bureau of Shanghai, UNICEF office of China and New Zealand	\$ 730.45
04/12/2013	NT	Darwin	Official visit - Dinner with Timorese Delegation	\$ 539.55
05/12/2013	NT	Darwin	Official visit - Dinner Indonesian Delegation	\$ 1,156.18
Total YTD Hospitality Expenditure February 2014				\$ 3,837.28