

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: TREASURY
Question: AET 1601-1604
Topic: Meeting Cost
Reference: written - 19 February 2016
Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1601. 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.

1602. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.

1603. 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.

1604. 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:

1601 The department has spent \$246,664 on meeting expenses for the period of 14 September 2015 to 19 February 2016. The department does not capture the information at the level requested and to itemise the costs would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

1602 Nil

1603-1604. The Treasury does not specifically budget for meetings. As meetings are identified, they are costed and paid from existing Treasury budget.