

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

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**Department/Agency: ACNC**

**Question: AET 1617-1620**

**Topic: Meeting costs**

**Reference: written - 19 February 2016**

**Senator: Wong, Penny**

**Question:**

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

1617. 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.
1618. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Budget Estimates, June 2015 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.
1619. 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.
1620. 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:**

1617. The meetings held by the ACNC during the period from 14 September 2015 to 29 February 2016 consisted of the following:

Three business planning days for various directorates that had associated costs; these were consistent with the following dates and locations.

- Melbourne Library (Melbourne) 19/10/2015
- Melbourne Library (Melbourne) 19/10/2015
- ACNC Docklands (Melbourne) 02/12/2015

The total cost for these events was \$74.76.

One ACNC Strategic planning day was held at the AICD Melbourne on the 22/1/2016 at a cost of \$4,954.55 inclusive of facilitator, venue hire and catering.

Two Professional User Group meetings were held at the ACNC office in Docklands, Melbourne on the following dates:

- 30/10/2015
- 25/02/2016

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The total catering cost incurred for these meetings was \$1297.85. Approximately 50 participants were invited to attend each of these meetings.

The Professional User Group consists of invited not-for-profit sector professional service providers. The group provides comment on matters of procedure, publications and sector interaction to assist ACNC to improve its regulation of charities and to be open and accountable about the way we work and the thinking behind our processes.

Professional User Group participants pay for their own travel costs to attend meetings.

One Sector User Group meeting was held at the ACNC office in Docklands, Melbourne on the following date:

- 23/10/2015

The total catering cost incurred for this meeting was \$606.46. Approximately 55 participants were invited to attend this meeting.

The Sector User Group consists of invited members of the not-for-profit sector. The group provides comment on matters of procedure, publications and sector interaction to assist ACNC to improve its regulation of charities and to be open and accountable about the way we work and the thinking behind our processes.

Sector User Group participants pay for their own travel costs to attend meetings.

The ACNC has also incurred expenses for the ACNC Advisory Board meetings; these are detailed below:

Location: ACNC Office, Docklands, Melbourne

Date: 06/11/2015

Number of attendees: 18

Cost : \$451.05

Location: The Mint, Sydney

Date: 05/02/2016

Number of attendees: 18

Cost: \$792.00 (venue and catering inclusive)

1618. N/A

1619. The following meetings have occurred from 01 March to date or planned for future dates.

Sector User Group meeting:

Location: ACNC Docklands, Melbourne

Date: 11/03/2016

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Total catering cost: \$ 426.50

Sector User Group meeting:

Location: ACNC Docklands, Melbourne

Date: 22/07/2016

Estimated catering cost: \$ 450.00

Sector User Group meeting:

Location: ACNC Docklands, Melbourne

Date: 11/11/2016

Estimated Catering cost: \$ 450.00 approximately

Professional User Group meeting:

Location: ACNC Docklands, Melbourne

Date: 15/07/2016

Estimated Catering cost: \$ 450.00 approximately

Professional User Group meeting:

Location: ACNC Docklands, Melbourne

Date: 04/11/2016

Estimated Catering cost: \$ 450.00 approximately

ACNC Advisory Board meeting:

Location: ATO Office, Brisbane

Date: 29/04/2016

Estimated Catering cost: \$ 500.00 approximately

Public Sector meeting:

Location: QUT, Brisbane Office

Date: 28/04/2016

Estimated Catering cost: \$ 250.00 approximately

Sector meeting:

Location: QUT, Brisbane Office

Date: 28/04/2016

Estimated Catering cost: \$ 250.00 approximately

1620. N/A