

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

**Department/Agency:** ABS  
**Question:** AET 2808-2811  
**Topic:** Staff Awards  
**Reference:** Written - 19 February 2016  
**Senator:** Ludwig, Joe

**Question:**

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

2808. Has the Department / Agency given out awards to staff for any reason? If yes:

- a) What was the reason for the awards?
- b) What was the criteria for the awards?
- c) What form did the award take? (e.g. Certificate, gift vouchers etc)
- d) How much was spent on the award?

2809. How were the awards presented?

2810. Who presented the awards?

2811. Was there a ceremony or party for the awards? If yes:

- a) Where was it held?
- b) Was there a fee for the venue? If yes, how much?
- c) How much was spent on catering?
- d) How many people attended?
- e) Did the minister attend?
- f) Did the minister's staff attend? If yes, how many?

**Answer:**

2808. Yes

a) To recognise contributions over and above the normal contributions to work programs made by individual employees and teams.

b) Statistician's Award:

- i. leadership of our people;
- ii. leadership in statistics;
- iii. leadership through innovation; or
- iv. leadership in service provision.

Recognition and Reward Awards

- i. Innovation

- ii. Advancement of the ABS:
- iii. Work Performance

c) The awards may include a certificate of commendation together with a voucher or in-kind award.

d) Statistician's Award: Individuals received \$1000

Recognition and Reward Awards: Individuals may be rewarded up to a maximum of \$250 (voucher or in-kind award) on each occasion, and teams may be rewarded up to a maximum of \$50 (voucher or in-kind award) per team member on each occasion.

2809. At ceremonies

2810. ABS senior management.

2811.

a) ABS premises

b) No

c) Approximately \$500

d) Varied according to the ceremony

e) No

f) No