

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: PC

Question: AET 377-385

Topic: Hospitality and entertainment

Reference: written - 19 February 2016

Senator: Ludwig, Joe & Wong, Penny

Question:

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

377. What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs.

378. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

379. What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

380. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

381. 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.

382. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

383. 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.

384. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

385. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

Answer:

As at 19 February 2016:

377. and 379.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost (GST Exclusive)
08/12/15	Melbourne	Productivity Commission Co host with Swinburne University Lecture by Prof. Eric Bartelsman of Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam—refreshments for attendees/ invited guests.	1,077.20
02/02/2016	Melbourne	Productivity Commission Annual Richard Snape Lecture –hospitality for attendees at the Lecture and dinner with the Lecturer and invited guests	3,073.85
		Total for 14 Sep 2015 to 19 Feb 2016	\$4,151.05

378. Not applicable.

380. Refer Table above.

381. Nil.

382. The Commission is anticipating that the level of expenditure on official hospitality in 2015-16 will be similar to previous years. The Commission considers the need for official hospitality expenditure on a case by case basis.

383. Not applicable.

384. Nil.

385. Not applicable.