

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

**Treasury Portfolio**

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

**Department/Agency: RAM**

**Question: AET 386-394**

**Topic: Hospitality and entertainment**

**Reference: written - 19 February 2016**

**Senator: Ludwig, Joe**

**Question:**

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

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

387. 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.

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

389. 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.

390. 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.

391. 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.

392. 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.

393. 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.

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

**Answer:**

386. \$9,243.51 (ex-GST)

387. Not applicable.

388. Nil response – No entertainment costs were incurred by the Mint over the period.
389. Not applicable.
390. Nil response – Hospitality costs are incurred in line with operational business needs to manage relationships with customers and suppliers.
391. Not applicable.
392. Nil response – Entertainment spend is incurred in line with operational business needs to manage relationships with customers and suppliers.
393. Not applicable.
394. The Royal Australian Mint actively monitors expense against budget to ensure costs are minimal.