Senate Economics Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates 2014 3 June to 5 June 2014

Department/ Agency: ASIC **Question:** BET 1905-1908

Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment **Reference**: Written – 12 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

- 1905. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date including any catering and drinks costs.
- 1906. 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.
- 1907. 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.
- 1908. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

Answer:

- 1905. Hospitality expenditure including any catering and drinks costs from 26 February to 12 June 2014 was \$26,752.
- 1906. Hospitality expenditure for 2013/14 is estimated to be \$155,133. No specific details around planned hospitality for 2014 are readily available.
- 1907. There is no planned entertainment spend for the 2013-14 financial year.
- 1908. Business unit budgets are reduced in order to realise required ASIC wide savings, leaving senior executive leaders the scope to align expenditure with their priorities through business plans.