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Department/Agency: PC Question: SBT3658-3662

Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment Reference: Written - 30 October 2014

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

- 3658. What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs.
- 3659. What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- 3660. 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.
- 3661. 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.
- 3662. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

Answer:

As at 30 October 2014.

3658 - 3659.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost (GST Exclusive)
23/06/2014	Melbourne	Productivity Commission Annual Richard Snape Lecture –hospitality for attendees at the Lecture and dinner with the Lecturer and invited guests	2,419.68
14/07/2014	Canberra	Canberra Alumni Meeting	1,080.90
01/08/2014	Canberra	Economists Group Meeting	181.82
12/08/2014	Canberra	Economists Group Meeting	94.55
12/08/2014	Canberra	Lunch with Prime Minister's Business Advisory Council	82.94
28/08/2014	Canberra	Economists Group Meeting	94.55
13/10/2014	Canberra	Graduates Induction Program	138.00
		Total for 1 Jun to 30 Oct 2014	\$4,092.44

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3660-3662. The Commission is anticipating that the level of expenditure on official hospitality and entertainment in 2014-15 will be similar to previous years. The Commission considers the need for official hospitality expenditure on a case by case basis.