

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2014 - 2015

**Department/Agency: Treasury**

**Question: SBT 366-374**

**Topic: Hospitality and entertainment**

**Reference: Written - 30 October 2014**

**Senator: Ludwig, Joe**

**Question:**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

366. What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs.
367. 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.
368. What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
369. 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.
370. 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.
371. 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.
372. 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.
373. 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.
374. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

**Answer:**

366. The Department does not have information at this at this level of details readily available. The compilation of this data in order to respond to this question would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.
367. Treasurer – Refer to Attachment A  
Assistant Treasurer – Nil  
Minister for Small Business – Nil  
Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer – Nil
368. The Treasury does not distinguish between hospitality and entertainment.

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370. Treasury does not budget specifically for hospitality or entertainment. As events are identified, they are costs and paid from the existing Treasury budget.
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372. Refer to response 370.
373. Refer to response 371.
374. The Treasury continues to pursue savings in supplier costs.

**Attachment A**

<b>Event Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Net Amount</b>
19-Sep-14	Hilton Cairns	State Treasurers Breakfast	\$ 216.05
		<b>12 June to 30 October 2014</b>	<b>\$ 216.05</b>