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**Department/Agency: ACNC**

**Question: SBT4204-4205**

**Topic: Meeting costs**

**Reference: Written - 30 October 2014**

**Senator: Ludwig, Joe**

**Question:**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

4204. How much has the Department/Agency spent on meeting costs? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
4205. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

**Answer:**

4204. During this period, the ACNC held two meetings which required expenditure. The total spent on meetings in this period was \$40,509.  
The ACNC has also incurred expenses for the ACNC Advisory Board; these are detailed in our response to question on Hospitality and entertainment.

**Professional User Group:**

- This meeting was held on 11 July 2014.
- The meeting was held at the ACNC's office in Docklands, Victoria.
- The Professional User Group consists of invited not-for-profit sector professional service providers. The group provides comment on matters of procedure, publications and sector interaction to assist ACNC to improve its regulation of charities and to be open and accountable about the way we work and the thinking behind our processes.
- The catering costs for the meeting were \$435.

**Sector User Group:**

- This meeting was held on 25 July 2014.
- This meeting was held at the ACNC's office in Docklands, Victoria.
- The Sector User Group consists of invited members of the not-for-profit sector. The group provides comment on matters of procedure, publications and sector interaction to assist ACNC to improve its regulation of charities and to be open and accountable about the way we work and the thinking behind our processes.
- The catering costs for the meeting were \$335

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‘Ask ACNC’ Sessions:

- These meetings were held on the following dates and locations:

Rydges Tradewinds Cairns  
137 The Esplanade  
Cairns QLD 4870  
11 Aug 2014

The Surf Club Mooloolaba  
Mooloolaba Esplanade  
Mooloolaba QLD 4557  
13 Aug 2014  
Brisbane

The Edge  
8 Stanley Place  
Brisbane QLD 4000  
14 Aug 2014

Southport Community Centre  
6 Lawson Street  
Southport QLD 4215  
15 Aug 2014

Garden Theatre  
Queensland University of Technology  
Gardens Point  
2 George Street  
Brisbane QLD 4000  
22 Sept 2014

Walter Reid Cultural Centre Auditorium  
Corner Derby and East Streets  
Rockhampton QLD  
23 Sept 2014

Peter Rorke Auditorium  
Highfields Cultural Centre  
O'Briens Road  
Highfields QLD 4352  
24 Sept 2014

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Whyalla Public Library  
Vicki Ledo Community Room  
7-9 Ekblom Street  
Whyalla Norrie SA 5608  
11 Aug 2014

Hewett Centre  
28 Kingfisher Drive  
Hewett SA 5118  
12 Aug 2014

Nexus Multicultural Arts Centre  
Lion Arts Centre  
Corner North Tce & Morphett St  
Adelaide SA 5000  
13 Aug 2014

State Library of Western Australia  
25 Francis Street  
Perth WA 6000  
18 Aug 2014

Great Southern Institute of Technology  
George's Restaurant  
5 Anson Road  
ORANA WA 6330  
19 Aug 2014

Bunbury Chamber of Commerce and Industries  
Stirling Street  
Bunbury WA 6230  
20 Aug 2014

Club Dubbo  
82 Whylandra St  
Dubbo NSW 2830  
20 Aug 2014

The Mulubinba Room  
Newcastle City Hall  
290 King Street  
Newcastle NSW 2300  
21 Aug 2014

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Mantra Paramatta  
Parkes Street  
Paramatta NSW 2150  
22 Aug 2014

National Centre of Indigenous Excellence  
166-180 George Street  
Redfern NSW 2016  
16 Sept 2014

Coffs Harbour Community Village  
22 Earl Street  
Coffs Harbour NSW 2450  
17 Sept 2014

IMB Foyer  
Illawarra Performing Arts Centre  
32 Burelli Street  
Wollongong NSW 2500  
7 October 2014

Lyons Community Centre  
25 Damabila Drive  
Lyons NT 0810  
25 Aug 2014

Alice Springs Youth and Community Centre  
5 Wills Terrace  
Alice Springs NT 0871  
26 Aug 2014

Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre  
2nd Floor, North Building  
180 London Circuit  
Canberra City ACT 2601  
28 Aug 2014

The Melbourne Multicultural Hub  
506 Elizabeth Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000  
1 Sept 2014

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Neighbourhood Learning House  
11-13 Breed Street  
Traralgon VIC 3844  
2 Sept 2014

The Connection Shepparton  
7287 Midland Hwy  
Shepparton VIC 3630  
2 Sept 2014

National Wool Museum  
26 Moorabool St  
Geelong VIC 3220  
4 Sept 2014

The Benetook Room  
Alfred Deakin Centre  
Cnr Deakin Avenue & Twelfth Street  
Mildura VIC 3500  
5 Sept 2014

Box Hill Town Hall (lower hall)  
1022 Whitehorse Road  
Box Hill VIC 3128  
25 Sept 2014

Studio Theatre  
Caro Convention Centre  
Federation University  
University Drive  
Mount Helen VIC 3350  
30 Sept 2014

Kangan Institute - Broadmeadows Campus  
Pearcedale Parade  
Broadmeadows VIC 3047  
1 Oct 2014

The Tramsheds Function Centre  
4 Invermay Road  
Launceston TAS 7250  
4 Sept 2014

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Hobart Function and Conference Centre

1 Elizabeth Street

Hobart TAS 7000

5 Sept 2014

- These sessions provided information about the ACNC and charity's obligations. The presentations included information about: the ACNC and its future direction, national regulation and its benefits, meeting ACNC obligations (including the Annual Information Statement), how charity information on the ACNC Register is used and the latest data and research on the charity sector.
- The total costs of all meetings (including venue hire and catering) was approximately: \$39,739.

4205. The ACNC currently has the following meetings scheduled for the remainder of the calendar year.

#### Professional User Group:

- This meeting was held on 14 November 2014.
- This meeting was held at the ACNC's office in Docklands, Victoria.
- The Professional User Group consists of invited not-for-profit sector professional service providers. The group provides comment on matters of procedure, publications and sector interaction to assist ACNC to improve its regulation of charities and to be open and accountable about the way we work and the thinking behind our processes.
- The estimated catering costs for the meeting are under \$500.

#### Sector User Group:

- This meeting will be held on 21 November 2014.
- This meeting will be held at the ACNC's office in Docklands, Victoria.
- The Sector User Group consists of invited members of the not-for-profit sector. The group provides comment on matters of procedure, publications and sector interaction to assist ACNC to improve its regulation of charities and to be open and accountable about the way we work and the thinking behind our processes.
- The estimated catering costs for the meeting are under \$500.

#### ACNC Advisory Board:

- This meeting was held on 6-7 November 2014.
- This meeting was held at The University of Notre Dame Australia, 32 Mouat St Fremantle.

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- This is the quarterly meeting of the ACNC Advisory Board.
- The estimated venue hire and catering costs (in lieu of allowances) for the meeting are under \$1,000.