

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2014 - 2015

Department/Agency: ABS

Question: SBT644-648

Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment

Reference: Written - 30 October 2014

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

644. What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs.
645. What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
646. 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.
647. 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.
648. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

Answer:

- 644-645. The Australian Bureau of Statistics has spent \$8,303.72 (exclusive of GST) from 3 June 2014 to 30 October 2014 on Hospitality/Entertainment including catering and drinks costs.

These amounts relate to expenditure used to facilitate the conduct of public business within and between Commonwealth agencies; or with external organisations and agencies; or with external organisations or individuals with related vocational, technical or business interests.

The date, location, purpose and cost of all events are listed in the table below.

Hospitality expenditure for the period June – October 2014:

Date	State	City	Purpose	Amount (Excl GST)\$
16/04/2014	ACT	Canberra	Official Visit - Nauru Delegate Lunch	\$ 193.64
21/05/2014	ACT	Canberra	Official Visit - Indonesian NSO Delegates Lunch	\$ 480.00
19/05/2014	ACT	Canberra	Official Visit - Indonesian NSO Delegate	\$ 879.64
10/06/2014	NT	Perth	Official Visit - Timorese delegate attend office party	\$ 100.00
10/06/2014	NT	Perth	Official Visit - Timor leste delegation attending christmas party	\$ 200.00
12/06/2014	NT	Perth	Official Visit - Timor leste delegation attending christmas party	\$ 200.00
15/04/2014	ACT	Canberra	Official Visit - Nauru Delegate Lunch	\$ 108.64
20/08/2014	VIC	Melbourne	Official Visit - Indonesian Delegation	\$ 224.00
04/09/2014	ACT	Canberra	Official Visit - International Census Forum Lunch	\$ 785.00
02/09/2014	ACT	Canberra	Official Visit - International Census Forum Dinner	\$ 2,269.09
19/08/2014	VIC	Melbourne	Official Visit - Indonesian Delegates Dinner	\$ 478.18
25/08/2014	ACT	Canberra	Official Visit - ABS Round Table on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Statistic	\$ 538.64
25/08/2014	ACT	Canberra	Official Visit - ABS Round Table on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Statistic	\$ 652.70
04/09/2014	WA	Perth	Official Visit - Indonesian Delegation Dinner	\$ 798.64
25/06/2014	ACT	Canberra	Official Visit - Mongolian Delegation Dinner	\$ 395.55
Total Hospitality Expenditure June - October 2014				\$ 8,303.72

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- 646-648. Spending proposals are decided on a case by case basis with consideration of the purpose for hospitality/entertainment, which is to facilitate the conduct of public business within and between Commonwealth agencies; or with external organisations and agencies; or with external organisations or individuals with related vocational, technical or business interests.