

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Agency: ARC**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000301**

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing.

***ARC: Hospitality and entertainment***

**Question**

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs.
2. 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.
3. What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

**Answer**

The Australian Research Council has provided the following response.

1. Over the period 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016 \$9359 has been spent on official hospitality.
2. Not applicable.
3. The ARC utilises one account code only for Official Hospitality/Entertainment, please see response above (1–2).
4. Not applicable.
5. Approximately \$12,000 during the 2015–16 financial year on hospitality in connection with the meetings.
6. Not applicable.
7. The ARC utilises one account code only for Official Hospitality/Entertainment, please see response above (2–5).
8. Not applicable.
9. No.