

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Agency: TEQSA**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000304**

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

***TEQSA: 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 Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) has provided the following response.

1. TEQSA's total hospitality spending since 14 September 2015 is \$293 (exclusive of GST).
2. Not applicable
3. Nil
4. Not applicable
5. Nil
6. Not applicable

7. Nil
8. Not applicable
9. TEQSA has a policy to limit spending for hospitality and entertainment and has control mechanisms in place to ensure this expenditure is managed in an efficient, effective and economical manner. TEQSA also undertakes regular reviews of its hospitality and entertainment requirements to ensure resources are only allocated to core activities. As a result, hospitality and entertainment spending amounts are negligible.