

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Agency: AIATSIS

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000309

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

AIATSIS: 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 Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) has provided the following response.

1. Items for the period total \$5059 – including AIATSIS Christmas party (catering cost \$4496) and Social Club activities.
2. Nil
3. Nil
4. Nil
5. Indigenous Women's Reception for International Women's Day 8 March 2016, AIATSIS \$2071 (Tea/Coffee and Soft drinks and catering)
6. Nil
7. Indigenous Women's Function - International Women's Day 8 March 2016, AIATSIS \$250 (Entertainment)

8. Nil
9. AIATSIS will always spend the minimum amount in this area whilst gaining the maximum strategic benefit.