

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Cross Portfolio

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000261

Senator Bilyk, Catryna provided in writing

Ministerial functions

Question

In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in calendar year 2016, can the following please be provided:

- List of functions;
- List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff;
- Function venue;
- Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);
- Details of any food served;
- Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and
- Details of any entertainment provided.

Answer

The Department of Education and Training has assisted with seven functions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the 2016 calendar year. All costings provided include GST.

Launch of the National Strategy for International Education 2025, Australian International Education 2025 and Global Alumni Engagement Strategy, 30 April 2016	
Minister or Assistant Minister	Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck, Minister for Tourism and International Education
Attendees	139 attendees included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foreign diplomatic heads of mission• Domestic and international students• Representatives from education and training providers and peak bodies• Commonwealth, state and territory government representatives• Minister's chief of staff and media advisor. <p><i>The department considers the names of the attendees and the fact of their attendance at these events to be 'personal information' under the Privacy Act 1988. It therefore declines to provide this information, in order to protect the privacy of the attendees.</i></p>
Venue	University of Tasmania, Launceston campus, TAS
Costs	\$1595.00 – Venue hire \$1463.00 – Catering \$1782.61 – Audio visual

Vocational Education and Training Industry Roundtable, 16 August 2016	
Minister or Assistant Minister	Hon Karen Andrews MP, Assistant Minister for Vocational Education and Skills
Attendees	<p>16 attendees included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives from peak bodies • Departmental officials • Minister's advisor and media advisor <p><i>The department considers the names of the attendees and the fact of their attendance at these events to be 'personal information' under the Privacy Act 1988. It therefore declines to provide this information, in order to protect the privacy of the attendees.</i></p>
Venue	Parliament House, Canberra, ACT
Costs	\$299.00 - Catering

Australian Apprentices Roundtable, 13 October 2016	
Minister or Assistant Minister	Hon Karen Andrews MP, Assistant Minister for Vocational Education and Skills
Attendees	<p>30 attendees included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current and previous apprentices • Departmental officials • Minister's media advisor <p><i>The department considers the names of the attendees and the fact of their attendance at these events to be 'personal information' under the Privacy Act 1988. It therefore declines to provide this information, in order to protect the privacy of the attendees.</i></p>
Venue	Parliament House, Canberra, ACT
Costs	\$435.00 – Catering

Vice-Chancellor Higher Education Reform Consultation Forum, 18 October 2016	
Minister or Assistant Minister	Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham
Attendees	<p>There were 36 Vice-Chancellors/representatives at this event.</p> <p><i>The department considers the names of the attendees and the fact of their attendance at these events to be 'personal information' under the Privacy Act 1988. It therefore declines to provide this information, in order to protect the privacy of the attendees.</i></p>
Venue	Department of Education and Training 50 Marcus Clarke Street, Canberra, ACT
Costs	\$546.00 – Catering

National Career Education Roundtable, 17 November 2016	
Name of Minister or Assistant Minister	Assistant Minister for Vocational Education and Skills, the Hon Karen Andrews MP
Attendees	<p>37 attendees included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian government department officials • State and territory and non-government education sector representative • Industry representatives • Parent peak bodies • Career peak bodies • Key Education/Skills stakeholders <p><i>The department considers the names of the attendees and the fact of their attendance at these events to be 'personal information' under the Privacy Act 1988. It therefore declines to provide this information, in order to protect the privacy of the attendees.</i></p>
Venue	Darwin Convention Centre Stokes Hill Road, Darwin, NT
Costs	\$1270.00 – Room hire \$2150.00 – Catering \$648.00 – Audio visual

2016 Australian Training Awards presentation dinner, 17 November 2016	
Name of Minister or Assistant Minister	The Hon Karen Andrews MP, Assistant Minister for Vocational Education and Skills
Attendees	<p>Awards dinner with 700 attendees. Approximately 200 tickets are provided to the finalists, judges and VIP guests.</p> <p><i>The department considers the names of the attendees and the fact of their attendance at these events to be 'personal information' under the Privacy Act 1988. It therefore declines to provide this information, in order to protect the privacy of the attendees.</i></p>
Venue	Darwin Convention Centre Stokes Hill Wharf, Darwin, NT
Costs	\$158.00 pp – Catering \$72,850.00 – Audio visual and entertainment \$185,472.00 – Travel for 98 finalists, 39 judges and 3 guardians (for finalists under 18) \$32,900.00 – Accommodation for 98 finalists, 39 judges and 3 guardians (for finalists under 18) travel and accommodation for all events associated with the Australian Training Awards program (Finalist Week 13 – 18 November 2016). \$30,000.00 – Venue hire

Skills Forum for 123 finalists and guests of the 2016 Australian Training Awards (ATA), 17 November 2016

Name of Minister or Assistant Minister	The Hon Karen Andrews MP, Assistant Minister for Vocational Education and Skills
Attendees	<p>There were 127 attendees at this event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Past winners and finalists• Skills stakeholders• Department of Education and Training representatives <p><i>The department considers the names of the attendees and the fact of their attendance at these events to be 'personal information' under the Privacy Act 1988. It therefore declines to provide this information, in order to protect the privacy of the attendees.</i></p>
Venue	Darwin Convention Centre Stokes Hill Wharf, Darwin, NT
Costs	\$64.00 pp – Catering \$1716.00 – Audio visual and entertainment \$3070.00 – Room hire