Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015

Cross Portfolio

Department of Education Question No. ED0130_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Dept & all agencies: Meeting costs

1) What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 2)For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. 3) What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 4) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.

Answer

Department

The Department of Education financial system does not track these expense categories. To identify and estimate these costs would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources. Expenses incurred in the provision of official hospitality are provided in Department of Education Question ED0123_15.

Agency

Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority
ACARA does not track this information. To do so, would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership
    1. $5,917.27

Event name	Event Date/s	Event Location	Total Cost (GST exclusive)	Purpose of Event
1 February 2014 - 31 May 2014 - over $1,000			**$ 5,918.27**	
AITSL Board Meeting	28-Feb-14	AITSL Office	673.18	Board Meeting
AITSL Board Meeting	16-May-14	AITSL Office	829.09	Board Meeting
AITSL All Staff Meeting	23-May-14	Victoria University Conference Centre	$ 4,416.00	Six-monthly meeting to review achievements and plan future work

    2. Not Applicable
    3. Nil
4.   Not Applicable

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Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

1.

Date	Location	Cost (ex GST)	Purpose
26/3-28/3/2014	Canberra	$207,867	2014 AIATSIS National Indigenous Studies Conference
24/32014	Canberra	$1,520	Elevate RAP launch
3/2014-4/2014	Canberra	$5,527	3 X Collections training courses
3/2014	Canberra	$1,285	AIATSIS Planning Day
3/2014 – 6/2014	Canberra	$1,122	4 X Ngunnawal language workshops
5/2014	Canberra	$2,302	Research Advisory Committee meeting
2/6 – 4/6/ 2014	Coffs Harbour	$153,382	National Native Title Conference 2014
	Canberra	$5,780	combination of smaller meetings
	Total Cost	**$378,785**	

2. Nil.

Australian Research Council
1. The ARC does not keep information in a way that allows this question to be disaggregated without a significant diversion of agency resources. However, the estimated cost is $110,347.
2. Nil response
3. The ARC are planning a number of meetings for the purpose of assessing grant applications, review of grant schemes and the ARC Advisory Council at an estimate of $32,824 to the EOF.
4. Nil response

Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency
1. See table below for TEQSA's meeting spend for the period 1 Mar to 31 May 2014.

Date	Location	Cost (ex GST)	Purpose
02/03/2014	Melbourne	$19.96	Commission meeting
04/03/2014	Melbourne	$33.09	Meeting with the Chinese Education Assoc for International Exchange.
08/03/2014	Melbourne	$171.09	Higher Education Standards Panel meeting & workshop
31/01/2014	Melbourne	$134.55	Regulatory Risk Reference Group meeting
21/03/2014	Melbourne	$110.91	Regulation & Quality Assessment Reference Group meeting
06/05/2014	Melbourne	$16.71	Meeting with Chair of the TEQSA Advisory Council Professor Shergold
13/05/2014	Melbourne	$277.18	HES Panel meeting & workshop
14/05/2014	Melbourne	$245.56	Meeting with UA Standing Group on Quality
15/05/2014	Melbourne	$75.64	Meeting with Ministry of Education & Training (Vietnam)
19/05/2014	Melbourne	$178.91	Enterprise Resource Planning meeting
	Total Cost	**$1,263.60**	

2. Not applicable

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3. See table below for meeting spend planned by TEQSA

Date	Location	Cost (ex GST)	Purpose
17/06/2014	Melbourne	$200.00	HES Panel meeting & workshop

4. Not applicable.