

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2014-2015

Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. EM0437_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Hospitality and entertainment - Ministers

a) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. c) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. c) 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. d) 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.

Answer

a + b) Total hospitality expenditure for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary for the period 1 November 2013 to 30 June 2014 was \$400.07 in total as follows:

Senator The Hon Eric Abetz	\$203.71
The Hon Luke Hartsuyker MP	\$196.36
Total	\$400.07

Expenditure relates to official hospitality such as official morning teas with Departmental officers and visits of foreign dignitaries. To provide a further break down would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

c) Details of the department's hospitality/ entertainment expenses are detailed at Question on Notice EM0438_15.

d) As the 2013-14 financial year is now complete, there is no further hospitality spend expected in that financial year.