

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. EM0438_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Hospitality and entertainment

a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date including any catering and drinks costs. b) 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. c) 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. d) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

Answer

a) Total hospitality expenditure for the Department of Employment for the period 1 March to 30 June 2014 was \$754.09.

b & c) As the 2013-14 financial year is now complete, there is no further hospitality expenditure expected for the 2013-14 financial year.

d) All expenditure on hospitality is for official purposes and determined to be appropriate prior to approval. Each item is considered in the context of efficiently and effectively conducting the business of the department.