

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2014-2015

#### Agency - Asbestos Safety & Eradication Agency

Department of Employment Question No. EM0439\_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

#### Question

#### ASEA - 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) The total hospitality expenditure for the Agency from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 2 June 2014 is \$1,398.65. This relates to six meetings and forums held by the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency. Please find a table below with information relating to the meetings and forums.

Date	Name of meeting/forum	Location	Time	Cost
28/02/2014	Meeting with Utilities Sector regarding asbestos awareness training	255 Elizabeth Street, Sydney - Level 8 Conference Room	11:00am to 1:00pm	\$202.95
18/03/2014	State and Territories Asbestos Management Meeting	255 Elizabeth Street, Sydney - Level 8 Conference Room	10:00am to 2:30pm	\$209.00
3/04/2014	National Taskforce - Asbestos Safety in Telstra Infrastructure	414 La Trobe Street, Melbourne - Level 8 Great Southern Conference Room	11:00am to 12:30pm	\$137.50
1/05/2014	Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council Meeting	255 Elizabeth Street, Sydney - Level 8 Conference Room	10:00am to 1:00pm	\$167.20

28/05/2014	Consultation with ACTU regarding how to achieve an asbestos free Australia	Unions NSW - Trades Hall, Presidents Room, Level 3, 4 Goulburn Street, Sydney	10:30am to 2:30pm	\$440.00
29/05/2014	Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council Meeting	255 Elizabeth Street, Sydney - Level 8 Conference Room	10:00am to 2:00pm	\$177.65

- b) The Agency does not have a specific planned budgeted for hospitality expenses as the expense are relatively low.
- c) Nil. The Agency does not have any planned entertainment expenses.
- d) The Agency does not have a specific plan to reduce hospitality expenses. The Agency ensures that each request for catering is cost effective and represents value for money.