

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Agency - Safe Work Australia

Department of Employment Question No. EM0444_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

SWA - 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) Since Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 31 May 2014, Safe Work Australia's expenditure on hospitality consisted of catering costs for meetings totalling \$4040 as well as catering and drinks for the 9th Annual Safe Work Australia Awards totalling \$17 715.
- b) Safe Work Australia has no expenditure planned until 30 June 2014.
- c) Since Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 31 May 2014, Safe Work Australia incurred \$39 102 in entertainment expenditure for the 9th Annual Safe Work Australia Awards held at Old Parliament House Canberra to recognise outstanding achievement by organisations and individuals in the management of work health and safety. No additional entertainment expenditure is planned for the remainder of the financial year.
- d) All expenditure on entertainment and 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 agency. This year the agency has reduced its planned expenditure on entertainment and hospitality by holding a virtual conference in place of the face to face Australian Strategy Conference originally scheduled for late 2014.