

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. EM0487_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Meeting costs - Ministers

a) 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. b) 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

The Department of Employment 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 to Ministers are provided in Department of Employment Question EM0437_15.