

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2015-16

Finance Portfolio
9 February 2016

Department/Agency: All
Outcome/Program: General
Topic: Hospitality and entertainment

Senator: Ludwig
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Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September 2015:

1. What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs.
2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
3. What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
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6. 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.
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8. 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.
9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

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Australian Electoral Commission	<p>For the period 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The total agency spend on hospitality was \$642.90 (GST inclusive). 2. N/A. 3. The AEC classifies entertainment as hospitality. Spend from 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016 is shown above in the answer to 1. 4. N/A. 5. The AEC does not have any planned spend at this stage. Any application for hospitality will be assessed on its merits. 6. N/A. 7. The AEC classifies entertainment as hospitality and planned expenditure for the remainder of 2015-16 is shown above in the answer to 5. 8. N/A. 9. The AEC will consider any potential expenditure on hospitality and entertainment in light of available budget and statutory requirements on the expenditure of public money. 																				
Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	<p>For the period 14 September 2015 to 9 February 2016:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$7,644.82 (ex GST). 2. N/A. 3. Nil. 4. N/A. 5. There are no specific plans for any such spending. 6. N/A. 7. There are no specific plans for any such spending. 8. N/A. 9. No. 																				
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