

# Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2016

## Answers to Questions on Notice

### Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Hospitality and entertainment**

Question: **186**

Written: **Senator Ludwig**

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 1 April 2016**

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.
5. 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.
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.
7. 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.
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?

#### Answer

1. The Department spent \$2,964.92 (excluding GST) on hospitality for events and a conference associated with Parliamentary activity for the period 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016 – see table below.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Function/s</b>	<b>Amount (ex GST)</b>
31/10/2015	Mr Romaldo Giugola and Guests, 7 Oct 2015	\$ 200.45
30/11/2015	Tea and bible signing with Speaker of HOR	\$ 232.27
	Christmas Choir Catering 23 Nov – 14 Dec 2015	\$ 2,532.20
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,964.92</b>

Note: Catering costs associated with meetings are addressed in the response to question 209.

2. Not applicable.
3. Nil.
4. Not applicable.

5. The following events are planned for the remainder of 2015-16:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Host</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Planned Spend (inc GST)</b>
17/03/16	DPS	Parliament House	Exhibition Launch for ANZAC Centenary Print Portfolio	\$945.00

6. Not applicable.

7. Nil.

8. Not applicable.

9. The Department continues to closely monitor expenditure against hospitality and entertainment.