

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—November 2013**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary Departments: Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Hospitality and Entertainment**

Question No: **144**

Written: **Senator Ludwig**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 17 January 2014

a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this all events including any catering and drinks costs.

b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from 7 September 2013 to date.

Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

c) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from 7 September 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from 7 September 2013 to date.

Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

e) 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.

f) 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.

g) 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.

h) 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.

i) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are they?

Answer

- a) Nil, for the period 7 to 30 September 2013.
- b) Not applicable. DPS does not have a Minister.
- c) Nil, for the period 7 to 30 September 2013.
- d) Not applicable. DPS does not have a Minister.
- e) Since the reporting period of 7 to 30 September 2013, DPS has held the following events:

Event	Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
New Members' Induction	16 Oct 2013	Parliament House	Welcome new Members of Parliament	\$1,524.79
Breakfast on the Roof	6 Nov 2013	Parliament House	Canberra 100 years – Charitable fund raising contribution	\$381.82
Senators' Induction	7 Nov 2013	Parliament House	Welcome Senators to Parliament	\$82.27
Australia and New Zealand	4 – 6 Dec	Parliament House	Host the ANZPIT forum	\$15,192.03

Parliamentary IT Forum (ANZPIT)	2013			(budgeted cost, invoices not yet received)
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At this stage, one event is planned:

Event	Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
Visitor Services Managers Meeting	February 2014	Parliament House	Host the Visitor Services Managers Meeting	\$100.00

- f) Not applicable. DPS does not have a Minister.
- g) Please refer to the response provided for question (e).
- h) Not applicable. DPS does not have a Minister.
- i) There are no planned reductions or estimated savings in hospitality/entertainment over the forward estimates period. TDPS will continue to closely monitor expenditure against hospitality and entertainment.