

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2014**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Hospitality and entertainment**

Question: **275**

Written **Senator Ludwig**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 31 December 2014

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

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. Between Budget Estimates in May and 30 September, the Department held the following events:

Date	Host	Location	Nature of Event	Cost (ex GST)
19/06/2014	DPS	Presiding Officers Executive Area	House at Work Exhibition Launch	\$704.55
20/06/2014	DPS	Viewing room 2	House at Work Discussion	\$568.18
20/06/2014	DPS	Queens Terrace Cafe	25 th Anniversary Exhibition Event	\$216.81
24/8/2014	DPS	Great Hall Parliament House	Magic Flute Panel Discussion event	\$1,033.09
11/9/2014	DPS	Secretary's Meeting Room	RAP Anniversary event	\$306.00
Total				\$2,828.63

2. Not applicable.
3. Not applicable.
4. Not applicable.
5. The following events are planned for the remainder of 2014–15.

Date	Host	Location	Purpose	Cost (ex GST)
11/11/2014	DPS	Library conference room	Morning tea to welcome PWPP Research Scholarship winners	\$239.09
27/11/2014	DPS	Library conference room	Launch of Parliamentary Handbook	\$355.00
February 2015	DPS	Speaker's courtyard	2015 Summer Scholars Reception	\$1200.00 (estimated)

6. Nil.
7. Nil.
8. Nil.
9. The Department will continue to closely monitor expenditure against hospitality and entertainment.