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Topic: Hospitality and entertainment

Written: 31 October 2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

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

Since 4 June 2014 the department has spent a total of \$25,667 on hospitality and entertainment.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
02/05/2014 - 13/10/2014	Parliament House	Various: Committee hearings	\$2,335
12/06/2014 - 29/10/2014	Various venues external to Parliament House	Various: Committee hearings	\$8,095
12/05/2014 - 13/10/2014	Parliament House	Various: Committee meetings	\$2,209
3/07/2014 - 10/10/2014	Parliament House	Various: New senators orientation	\$4,344
26/08/2014	Ginger Catering at the National Arboretum Canberra	Morning Tea: New senators' spouses	\$35
7/07/2014	Parliament House	Morning Tea: Swearing in of senators and election of the Senate President	\$1,500
20/06/2014	Parliament House	Morning Tea: Hosted by the President	\$382
23/06/2014	Parliament House	Dinner: Hosted by the President on his retirement for Senior Executives within the Parliamentary and Public Services, and former senior advisers	\$1,405
27/06/2014, 8/10/2014 and 28/10/2014	Hyatt Hotel / Parliament House	Lunch: Guest lecturers, Senate Occasional Lectures	\$834
3/07/2014	Parliament House	Dinner: New senators orientation	\$2,489
3/09/2014	Parliament House	Morning Tea: share of catering for memorial for deceased members & senators	\$436
3/09/2014	Parliament House	Reception: share of catering for former members reception	\$1,783