

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2013

Communications Portfolio

Special Broadcasting Service

Question No: 103

Program No. SBS

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment

Senator Ludwig asked:

- a. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for all events including any catering and drinks costs?
- b. 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.
- c. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- d. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- e. 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. SBS has spent \$14,865 on the SBS annual publicity showcase. In addition SBS has spent \$21,734 on a number of commercial sales related events for advertisers and media buyers.
- b. Refer to (a).
- c. SBS plans on only a modest amount of spending consistent with recent expenditure.
- d. SBS plans on only a modest amount of spending consistent with recent expenditure.
- e. SBS spends only a modest amount on hospitality and entertainment but looks to achieve savings wherever it is possible in order to operate as efficiently and effectively as possible.