

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2013

Communications Portfolio

Australian Communications and Media Authority

Question No: 164

Program No. Australian Communication and Media Authority

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment

Senator Ludwig asked:

- a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this 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's 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's 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 the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?

Answer:

- a) Hospitality spend from 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013 is \$0.005m. Please refer to table below for details:

<i>Hospitality from 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013</i>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cost</b>
26/09/2013	Melbourne	Stakeholder meeting	29
27/09/2013	Canberra	Stakeholder meeting	121
1/10/2013	Sydney	Stakeholder meeting	2,611
17/10/2013	Sydney	Stakeholder meeting	744
18/10/2013	Sydney	Stakeholder meeting	780
28/10/2013	Sydney	Stakeholder meeting	359
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$4,634</b>

- b) Entertainment spend from 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013 is nil.
- c) Estimate is less than \$0.020m. Specific details are unknown at this stage.
- d) Estimate is less than \$0.005m. Specific details are unknown at this stage.
- e) The ACMA continually reviews all areas of expenditure for savings throughout the year, including hospitality and entertainment. The estimated savings for forward estimates cannot be quantified.