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- 2735 \$351.08 – 4 lunches: AASB staff with external parties
- 2736 \$183.08 – farewell lunch for staff
- 2737 The Chairman will leave the Agency 30 June 2014. The plan is to host a function at the office of the AASB in the boardroom. It is expecting to be a catered event. Cost is yet to be discussed.
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