

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

**Agency - Comcare**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM0262\_14**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Comcare - Meeting costs**

- a) What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. c) What meeting 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) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.

**Answer**

Comcare spent \$19 778 (exclusive GST) on meetings from the Supplementary Budget Estimate in November 2013 to 28 February 2014. This figure includes venue hire and catering costs.

Costs associated with meetings are minimal and rarely exceed \$500; it is an unreasonable diversion of resources to provide a more in-depth breakdown of meeting costs.