

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2013-2014

Agency - Safe Work Australia

Department of Employment Question No. EM0274_14

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

SWA - Hospitality and entertainment

a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date including any catering and drinks costs. b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality 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. c) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment 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. d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment 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. e) 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. f) 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. g) 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. h) 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. i) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are.

Answer

- a) Safe Work Australia's expenditure on hospitality consisted entirely of catering costs for meetings and totalled \$376.13 from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. See EM0266_14 on meeting costs.
- b) Not applicable.
- c) Safe Work Australia's expenditure on entertainment from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date was \$400. Safe Work Australia held two small functions on site in recognition of staff achievement. An afternoon tea was provided on 23 January 2014 and a morning tea was provided on 21 March 2014.
- d) Not applicable.
- e) See response at EM0266_14. The only additional planned event at which catering will be provided is the Safe Work Australia Awards to be held on 28 April 2014. The awards recognise outstanding achievement by organisations and individuals in the management of health and safety. The

awards will be held at Old Parliament House, Canberra. Approximate hospitality costs are venue hire and security \$5200, catering \$10 640 and beverages \$4550.

- f) Not applicable.
- g) No entertainment expenditure is planned.
- h) Not applicable.
- i) All expenditure on entertainment and hospitality is for official purposes and determined to be appropriate prior to approval. Each item is considered in the context of efficiently and effectively conducting the business of the agency.