

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**Cross Portfolio**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM0382\_14**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Christmas party costs**

List what functions were held by the department/agency for either Christmas or end of calendar year since 7 September 2013 1. What was the cost of each of these functions? 2. How was the money identified? 3. What was the location of these functions? 4. Provide a table of food and alcohol purchased for the function

**Answer**

1. A staff Christmas party was held at the Australian Institute of Sport on 13 December 2013. The function was open to all staff from the former Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) and was organised by the staff social club. The function was primarily paid for by ticket sales and social club fundraising plus a contribution from the former Department.

2. An end of year function was held for 45 Senior Executive Service (SES) staff on departmental premises at 50 Marcus Clarke Street on 17 December 2013. The total cost of the function was \$199 covering a small amount of alcohol, soft drink and snacks.