

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2012-2013

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation

Outcome/Program: General

Topic: Meeting costs

Senator: Ryan

Question reference number: F64

Type of question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: Tuesday, 2 April 2013

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Answer:

The information on meeting expenditure is not readily available. The compilation of the information would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

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Answer:

- a) For the period 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013, \$36,545. Further detailed cost information is not available as this level of detail is not recorded in the AEC's chart of accounts.
- b) N/A.
- c) The AEC will consider any potential expenditure on meeting costs in light of available budget and statutory requirements on the expenditure of public money.
- d) N/A.

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Answer:

- a) For the period 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013, \$16,384 (GST excl). All meeting costs were on premises. The total cost includes any catering and drinks costs. Drinks do not include alcoholic beverages. It would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources to provide the specific details regarding date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
- b) N/A.
- c) Although ComSuper could be expected to hold additional meetings in 2012-13, currently there are no specific plans for any significant additional events.
- d) N/A.

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- 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:

- a) For the period 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013, \$2,524. The total cost includes any catering and drinks costs.
- b) N/A.
- c) CSC expects to hold additional meetings in 2012-13, however there are no specific plans for any significant additional events.
- d) N/A.

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Answer:

- a) It would be an unreasonable diversion of agency resources to compile this information.
- b) N/A.
- c) N/A.
- d) N/A.