Question: HS73

Outcome 1, Output Group 1.1

Topic: Centrelink – Post-budget community broadcast

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SENATOR EVANS asked on 26 May 2005:

(1) What was the total cost of the 2005-06 federal post-budget community broadcast that was held on 25 May 2005?

(2) Were other post-budget community broadcasts conducted? Or was the broadcast on 25 May the only one that was held?

(3) If there were others, please provide a full list and the full cost of each.

(4) For each broadcast that was held:

      (a) Provide a full breakdown of all costs involved in holding the broadcast (food, drink, venue hire, videoconference facilities, materials, etc).

      (b) Please list all locations that received the broadcast.

      (c) Was the broadcast an 'invitation-only' event? Why?

      (d) If it was an invitation-only event, please provide a full list of all organisations/individuals invited to attend the broadcast.

      (e) Please provide a copy of the Ministerial transcripts from the broadcast.

      (f) Please supply a transcript of all questions and answers from the broadcast.

Answer:

(1) $19,500 approximately.

(2) There were no other broadcasts held.

(3) Not applicable.

(4) Community Broadcast details:

   (a) Broadcast costs:

Venue	Nil
Hospitality	$ 3,000 approx
Centrelink Business Television facilities	$ 2,328
Budget packs	$14,162

(b) The following Centrelink Offices received the broadcast: ACT & NSW: Albury, Ballina, Batemans Bay, Bathurst, Bega, Belconnen, Blacktown, Bowral, Braddon, Casino, Chatswood, Coffs Harbour, Cowra, Dubbo, Eden, Goulburn, Grafton, Griffith, Illawarra, Lismore, Liverpool, Moree, Newcastle, Nowra, Orange, Parkes, Penrith, Parramatta, Sydney, Springwood, Tuggeranong, Tweed Heads and Wagga Wagga; NT: Alice Springs and Casuarina; QLD: Beenleigh, Brisbane, Brown Plains, Bundaberg, Cairns, Capalaba, Dalby, Gladstone, Goondiwindi, Gympie, Inala, Ipswich, Mackay, Maroochydore, Maryborough, Mt Isa, Palm Beach, Rockhampton, Roma, Southport, Strathpine, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick; SA: Adelaide CBD, Adelaide Currie Street, Noarlunga, Port Augusta, Mt Gambier and Salisbury; TAS: Hobart and Launceston; VIC: Bendigo, Box Hill, Broadmeadows, Dandenong, Geelong, Melbourne, Sale/Bairnsdale, Shepparton, Wantirna, Water Gardens and Windsor; WA: Albany, Broome, Bunbury, Cannington, Fremantle, Geraldton, Joondalup and Perth.

(c) Broadcast attendance was by invitation only as this was the most effective way of quickly letting local community organisations know about the broadcast, ensuring that guests could be accommodated and security.

(d) A list all organisations/individuals invited to attend the broadcast is attached. (Attachment A)

(e) A copy of the transcript can be viewed on Centrelink's website, www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/community/community_broadcast.htm

(f) A transcript of the questions and answers from the broadcast is attached. (Attachment B)