

Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee:
Answers to written Questions on Notice Budget Estimates 2013-14
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio

Department: Parliamentary Budget Office

Topic: Meeting costs

Senator: Senator Scott Ryan

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Type of question: Written

Question

- a) **What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend for this financial year 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 for this financial year 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

- a) \$86.26 to 31 May 2013. There were two meetings in relation to recruitment for SES officers to the Parliamentary Budget Office and one meeting with Department of Finance and Deregulation. Further details are included in the table below:

Date	Location	Catering cost
26 October 2012	Parliament House meeting room	\$37.83 for sandwiches only
8 November 2012	Parliament House meeting room	\$37.88 for sandwiches only
19 February 2013	Department of Finance and Deregulation meeting room	\$10.55 for biscuits and dip

- b) Not applicable.
- c) As at 31 May 2013, the Parliamentary Budget Office does not have any meeting expenditure planned.
- d) Not applicable.