

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Portfolio

Question No. 125

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 12 February 2013:

Program Launch Costs

- a) What is the Department/Agency's program launch 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 program launch spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.
- c) What program launch 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 program launch spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.
- e) What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.
- f) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total program launch spend for 2011-12. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

For reporting purposes financial year to date is interpreted as 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013.

Australian Government Solicitor

Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) is a government business enterprise operating on a commercial and competitive basis in providing legal and related services to government and its agencies. AGS does not receive any Budget or other appropriations and its employees are engaged outside of the *Public Service Act 1999*. The question is therefore not applicable to AGS.

The following Agencies have not incurred program launch costs for either the 2011/12 financial year or this financial year to date. Nor do the following agencies plan to incur program launch costs for the remainder of this financial year to date:

Attorney-General's Department, Administrative Appeals Tribunal, Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity, Australian Crime Commission, Australian Federal Police, Australian Institute of Criminology, Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre, Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions, CrimTrac, Customs and Border Protection Service, Family Court of Australia, Federal Magistrates Court of Australia, Federal Court, High Court of Australia, Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia, Office of the Australian Information Commissioner and the Office of Parliamentary Counsel.

b), d), f)

The Office of the Attorney-General, the Office of the Minister for Home Affairs, Minister for Justice and the Office of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General have not incurred program launch costs for either the 2011/12 financial year or this financial year to date. Nor do those offices plan to incur program launch costs for the remainder of this financial year to date.

Please see the table below for other responses.

Australian Human Rights Commission	
a) event details, location and cost for financial year to date	<p>1) Racism It Stops With Me, National Anti-Racism Strategy, 24 August 2012, Melbourne, \$14,414 (\$10,000 sponsored by AG's)</p> <p>2) Human Rights Awards, 10 December 2012, Sydney, \$63, 896 (\$52,436 was recovered in ticket sales and sponsorship)</p>
c) Planned spend	<p>1) Twenty Years : Twenty Stories, 1 March 2013, Sydney, \$15,000(estimate) (Catering provided by Admiralty House at no charge to AHRC and Sponsored by Sydney Community Foundation)</p> <p>2) Not Just Black and White : Racism Diversity in Australia, 20 March 2013, Canberra, \$20,000 (estimate) (sponsored by DIAC)</p> <p>3) Your Rights at Retirement, 1 May 2013, Sydney, \$3,000-\$5,000(estimate subject to sponsorship)</p> <p>4) Age Stereotyping, 15 June 2013, Sydney, \$10,000(estimate)</p>
e) 2011/12 program launch spend Agencies	<p>1) Human Rights Awards, 9 December 2011, Sydney, \$82,980 (\$72,323 was recovered in ticket sales and sponsorship)</p>
Australian Law Reform Commission	
a) event details, location and cost for financial year to date	<p>Nil</p>
c) Planned spend	<p>\$350 for launch of Age Barriers to Work Inquiry Final Report.</p>
e) 2011/12 program launch spend Agencies	<p>Launch of Commonwealth Laws and Family Violence Report at Parliament House on 9/2/12 \$392.81</p>