

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 134**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 18 November 2013:**

- a) What is the agency's hospitality spend for this all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from 7 September 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- c) What is the agency's entertainment spend from 7 September 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from 7 September 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- e) What hospitality spend is the agency planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- f) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- g) What entertainment spend is the agency planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- h) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- i) Is the agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?

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

- a) The AFP performs formal reviews of Hospitality and Entertainment expenses throughout the year. The timing of this Senate Estimate request sits outside the AFP's normal review timetable. As a result, the AFP has been unable to compile credit card data for the requested period. The total of Hospitality and Entertainment expenses identified by the

AFP is \$34,694. This does not include costs of graduation ceremonies from the AFP College as these costs cannot be feasibly isolated from course costs. Details of known Hospitality and Entertainment expenses are set out below.

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
17/07/2013	Netherlands	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement	\$86
24/07/2013	USA	Stakeholder engagement - United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations	\$1,013
25/07/2013	Thailand	Stakeholder engagement - Thai Police delegation	\$51
13/08/2013	South Africa	Stakeholder engagement - South African and foreign law enforcement agents	\$162
27/08/2013	Cambodia	Stakeholder engagement - Cambodian National Police	\$70
28/08/2013	Vietnam	10th Anniversary Function of Ho Chi Minh City Liaison Office	\$67
28/08/2013	USA	Stakeholder engagement function - US delegation	\$378
28/08/2013	Vietnam	10th Anniversary Function of Ho Chi Minh City Liaison Office	\$4,115
29/08/2013	USA	Stakeholder engagement - Vancouver Police Department	\$228
30/08/2013	USA	Stakeholder engagement function - with Royal Canadian Mounted Police	\$110
30/08/2013	USA	Stakeholder engagement function - US delegation	\$258
9/09/2013	USA	Stakeholder engagement function - Police Advisor United Nations New York	\$739
11/09/2013	Canberra	Stakeholder engagement - Singapore Narcotics Bureau and delegation	\$1,124
13/09/2013	USA	Stakeholder engagement - United States Homeland Security Investigations California	\$74
16/09/2013	Canberra	Stakeholder engagement - Royal Canadian Mounted Police	\$144
18/09/2013	China	Deputy Commissioner official visit to Beijing	\$217
25/09/2013	Indonesia	Stakeholder engagement - Indonesian National Police	\$99
25/09/2013	Colombia	Stakeholder engagement - Bogota Security	\$103
25/09/2013	Philippines	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$79

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25/09/2013	China	Stakeholder engagement - China People's Public Security University	\$247
25/09/2013	Philippines	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement	\$579
1/10/2013	Canberra	Prevention of Violence against Women function associated with White Ribbon	\$1,349
8/10/2013	Thailand	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement	\$872
9/10/2013	Indonesia	National Police Remembrance Day function at Embassy	\$1,837
11/10/2013	Thailand	Stakeholder engagement – Local law enforcement	\$34
21/10/2013	USA	Stakeholder engagement - US Federal Law Enforcement partners	\$73
21/10/2013	Serbia	Stakeholder engagement - Delegation from Republic of Serbia	\$193
21/10/2013	Cambodia	Stakeholder engagement - with Cambodian National Police	\$252
22/10/2013	USA	Stakeholder engagement - Canadian law enforcement	\$68
25/10/2013	USA	Stakeholder engagement - U.S Fish and Wildlife Service	\$66
25/10/2013	Thailand	Stakeholder engagement - Royal Thai Police	\$407
25/10/2013	USA	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$705
29/10/2013	USA	Stakeholder Engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$69
1/11/2013	Canberra	Stakeholder engagement with Vanuatu Police Commissioner	\$1,544
1/11/2013	Sydney	Stakeholder engagement - Community engagement forum	\$63
1/11/2013	Sydney	Stakeholder engagement - Community engagement forum	\$45
5/11/2013	Indonesia	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$44
5/11/2013	Lombok, Indonesia	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$71
5/11/2013	Indonesia	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$91
6/11/2013	Indonesia	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$124

Date of Function	Location	Purpose	Total Cost (ex-GST)
6/11/2013	USA	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$125
6/11/2013	Indonesia	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$216
6/11/2013	Indonesia	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$272
6/11/2013	Thailand	Stakeholder engagement - French Police	\$275
6/11/2013	Indonesia	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$488
6/11/2013	London	Stakeholder engagement - foreign law enforcement agencies	\$806
12/11/2013	Thailand	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$173
12/11/2013	USA	Stakeholder engagement - UN Police Commissioner	\$92
14/11/2013	Adelaide	Official facility opening - Adelaide Airport canine centre	\$492
15/11/2013	Papua New Guinea	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$61
15/11/2013	Vietnam	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$170
15/11/2013	Singapore	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$431
15/11/2013	London	Stakeholder engagement - foreign law enforcement agencies	\$469
15/11/2013	Malaysia	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$513
15/11/2013	Indonesia	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$1,943
21/11/2013	Thailand	Stakeholder engagement with Thai law enforcement agency	\$863
21/11/2013	Indonesia	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$897
25/11/2013	USA	Stakeholder engagement - Canadian law enforcement	\$47
25/11/2013	USA	Stakeholder engagement - Mexican law enforcement agency	\$86

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25/11/2013	Thailand	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$95
25/11/2013	USA	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$117
25/11/2013	Papua New Guinea	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$137
25/11/2013	Malaysia	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$173
25/11/2013	USA	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$194
25/11/2013	USA	Stakeholder engagement - Canadian law enforcement agency	\$212
25/11/2013	Samoa	Stakeholder engagement - Community liaison with Women's Advisory Network	\$474
25/11/2013	Thailand	Stakeholder engagement - Thai law enforcement agency	\$863
25/11/2013	Malaysia	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$4,164
27/11/2013	Cook Islands	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$511
28/11/2013	Indonesia	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$117
28/11/2013	Indonesia	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$777
29/11/2013	Samoa	Stakeholder engagement - Community liaison with Women's Advisory Network	\$474
30/11/2013	Indonesia	Stakeholder engagement - local law enforcement agency	\$117
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$34,694</b>

- b) The Australian Federal Police is not responsible for meeting these costs.
- c) Please see answer to question a).
- d) The Australian Federal Police is not responsible for meeting these costs.
- e) As spending on hospitality is generally ad hoc in nature, there are no specific plans in place for hospitality or entertainment. However, it is expected these activities will be

provided as part of conducting the normal course of the agency's operations during the remainder of the financial year and next financial year.

- f) The Australian Federal Police is not responsible for meeting these costs.
- g) Please see answer to question e).
- h) The Australian Federal Police is not responsible for meeting these costs.
- i) The Australian Federal Police is reviewing supplier expenditure items to seek cost reductions where appropriate. There are no specific plans for changes to the current arrangements in relation to Hospitality and Entertainment. However, it is expected these activities will be provided as part of conducting the normal course of the agency's operations during the remainder of the financial year and next financial year.