

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0176) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

a) What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from 7 September 2013 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 from 7 September 2013 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 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) The Department of Immigration and Border Protection and the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service do not keep detailed records of meeting dates, locations and purposes. The Department/Agency's corporate systems do not separately identify spending on meetings. To provide the level of detail requested in this question is an unreasonable diversion of resources.

b) Since 7 September 2013, the Department of Immigration and Border Protection has expended \$164.00 on behalf of the Hon Scott Morrison MP, Minister for Immigration and Border Protection for meeting expenses. The details of this expenditure are outlined below:

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
17 September 2013	Parliament House, Canberra	Meeting to provide Minister Morrison with a series of briefings following his appointment as the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection.	\$164.00 for tea, coffee, biscuits and sandwiches.

c) Refer to a).

d) There is currently no meeting spend currently being planned for either the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection or the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection.

Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

Period 7 September – 19 November 2013

a) Event details, location and cost

As detailed in the response to Supplementary Budget Estimates QoN 177 C), the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service's (ACBPS) total cost of hospitality and entertainment for 7 September to 19 November 2013 was \$18,117.83.

This includes meeting costs involving external parties such as catering costs. Given the wide ranging nature of ACBP's work, a significant number of meetings are held with a large number of stakeholders across industry and other law enforcement, government and international agencies. To provide a further break down on such meetings would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

b) Ministers meeting spend

ACBPS has not incurred any cost for meeting spends involving Ministers or Parliamentary Secretaries for the period.

c) Agency Planned spend

There are no specific plans in relation to meeting spend.

d) Planned Ministers spend

N/A