

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Outcome Number: Cross

Question No: 213

Topic: Community Cabinet Meetings

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location.

How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodate and any other expenses.

Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location.

What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?

Answer:

The date and location for Community Cabinet meetings that the Minister has attended is able to be obtained from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

The table below shows the cost and location for Departmental staff to attend Community Cabinet Meetings this financial year to date, as at 31 January 2013.

| Community Cabinet Location | Departmental Staff Attendance | Cost of Departmental Staff Attendance (GST Exclusive) | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|------------|
| IPSWICH QLD 10 July 2012 | *5 | Airfares | \$1096.70 |
| | | Travel Allowances | \$255.01 |
| ORELIA WA 5 September 2012 | 4 | Accommodation | \$518.00 |
| | | Airfares | \$3347.01 |
| | | Travel Allowances | \$362.15 |
| LAUNCESTON TAS 3 October 2012 | 3 | Accommodation | \$152.00 |
| | | Airfares | \$1312.03 |
| | | Travel Allowances | \$247.00 |
| PETRIE QLD 14 November 2012 | 4 | Accommodation | \$232.00 |
| | | Airfares | \$1172.79 |
| | | Travel Allowances | \$167.55 |
| Total Departmental staff travel costs | - | | \$8,862.24 |

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- * In the response to 2012-13 Supplementary Estimates Question on Notice 310, there was an error in the reported number of Departmental Staff who attended the Ipswich Community Cabinet meeting. This figure has been corrected in this response.

The total Departmental cost for staff to attend Community Cabinet meetings this financial year to date is \$8,862.24 (Excluding GST).

The total costs for the Minister's office to attend Community Cabinet meetings in this financial year to date is held by the Department of Finance and Deregulation.