

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2011-12 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross

**Question No:** 359

**Topic:** Community Cabinet

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Boyce** asked:

What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD? How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting? What was the total cost of this travel? How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting? What was the total cost of this travel? What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office?

**Answer:**

The cost for Minister Macklin and Minister Ellis' travel and expenses is obtainable from the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

The number and costs of ministerial staff that travelled with the Ministers is obtainable from the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

The table below shows the costs for Departmental staff attendance at each Community Cabinet meeting in the 2010-11 financial year to 1 June 2011.

<b>Community Cabinet Location</b>	<b>Departmental Staff Attendance</b>	<b>Costs for Departmental Staff Attendance (GST exclusive)</b>
Redcliffe Peninsular QLD Thursday 2 December 2010	2	\$1,476.11
Fremantle WA Wednesday 30 March 2011	3	\$6,724.04
Modbury Heights SA Thursday 19 May 2011	2	Nil

The total Departmental cost for staff to attend Community Cabinet meetings held in the 2010-11 financial year to 1 June 2011 is \$8,200.15 (GST exclusive).