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QUESTION No.: AI-68

What was the cost of Minister's travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held since Budget Estimates?

How many Ministerial Staff and 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 Minister's office?

ANSWER

All costs listed below are GST exclusive.

The cost of Minister's travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held since Budget Estimates is \$5,696.24*.

Number of Ministerial Staff and Department officers who travelled with the Minister for the meeting:

Number of Ministerial Staff:

Beenleigh (June 2009) – 2

Elizabeth (July 2009) – No Ministerial staff attended as Minister did not attend meeting

Port Macquarie (August 2009) – 2

Geraldton (October 2009) – 2

Hobart (October 2009) – No Ministerial staff attended as Minister did not attend meeting

Bathurst (November 2009) – No Ministerial staff attended as Minister did not attend meeting

Townsville (December 2009) – 2

Magill (January 2010) – 2

Number of Department officers:

Beenleigh (June 2009) – 3

Elizabeth (July 2009) – 2

Port Macquarie (August 2009) – 2

Geraldton (October 2009) – 2

Hobart (October 2009) – 1

Bathurst (November 2009) – 1
Townsville (December 2009) – 2
Magill (January 2010) – 1

Total travel cost of Ministerial Staff and Department officers - \$24,287.11

Total cost to the Department and the Minister's office - \$29,983.35

* The Minister's travel to two meetings included additional destinations and given the nature of the flight bookings, the costs associated with Community Cabinet meetings is not available.