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Topic: Community Cabinets

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Senators BARNETT & EGGLESTON asked:

1. What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held since Budget Estimates?
2. How many Ministerial Staff and Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting?
3. What was the total cost of this travel?
4. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office?

Answer:

1. The cost of the Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held since Budget Estimates was \$11,117.17 (3 VIP aircraft costs not included; the complete details of all flights undertaken on Special Purpose Aircraft are tabled in Parliament and will be available at that time).
2. The number of Ministerial Staff and Departmental officers who travelled with the Minister to attend Community Cabinet follows:
 - a) Meeting: 30 June 2009, Beenleigh QLD,
1 Treasury official
1 Ministerial staff member
 - b) Meeting: 28 July 2009 Elizabeth, SA
1 Ministerial staff member
 - c) Meeting: 25 August 2009 Port Macquarie, NSW
2 Treasury officials
1 Ministerial staff member
 - d) Meeting: 13 October 2009 Hobart, Tas
1 Treasury official
3 Ministerial staff members.
 - e) Meeting: 8 December 2009 Townsville, QLD
1 Treasury official
3 Ministerial staff members.
 - f) Meeting: 20 January 2010, Adelaide SA
1 Treasury official
2 Ministerial staff members

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- g) Meeting: 18 February 2010, Ballarat VIC
 - 1 Treasury official
 - 2 Ministerial staff members
- 3. Total cost was \$33,988.36.
- 4. Cost to the Treasury was \$12,208.98. Cost to the Ministers Office was \$21,799.88.