

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** Travel/expenses

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Barnett

**QUESTION No.:** BI-71

- a) What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held since Additional Estimates?
- b) How many Ministerial Staff and Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting?
- c) What was the total cost of this travel?
- d) What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office?

**ANSWER**

**All costs listed below are GST exclusive.**

- a) The cost of Minister's travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held since Additional Estimates is \$1,375.05.
- b) Number of Ministerial Staff and Department officers who travelled with the Minister for the meeting:

**Number of Ministerial Staff:**

Ballarat (18 February 2010)–1  
Epping (15 April 2010)–3  
Burnie (19 May 2010)–1

**Number of Departmental officers:**

Ballarat (18 February 2010)–1  
Epping (15 April 2010)–2  
Burnie (19 May 2010)–2

- c) Total travel cost of Ministerial Staff and Department officers - \$5,030.85.
- d) Total cost to the Department and the Ministers office - \$6,405.90 (\$1,375.05 plus \$5,030.85).

\* As Senators, Members and their employees have up to sixty days to submit Travelling Allowance claims; the information for the Burnie meeting of 19 May 2010 may be incomplete.