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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

TOPIC: Travel Expenses Community Cabinet Meetings

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Abetz

QUESTION No.: BI-51

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

ANSWER

1. The following three community cabinet meetings have been held (as at 30 May 2011):
 - a. Redcliffe Peninsula (Federal Electorate of Petrie) – Thursday, 2 December 2010
 - b. Beaconsfield (Federal Electorate of Fremantle) – Wednesday, 30 March 2011
 - c. Modbury Heights (Federal Electorate of Makin) – Thursday, 19 May 2011

Minister Carr attended the meeting in Modbury Heights only. The total cost of travel and expenses for Minister Carr, funded by the Department of Finance and Deregulation is \$1,571.97.

2. Two Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister to the Community Cabinet Meeting in Modbury Heights. Although the Minister did not attend, two Ministerial staff attended the Community Cabinet meetings in both Petrie and Fremantle.
3. The total cost of travel and expenses for Ministerial staff, funded by the Department of Finance and Deregulation is \$10,626.39.
4. Two departmental officers travelled with Minister Carr for the Community Cabinet Meeting in Modbury Heights. Although the Minister did not attend, one departmental officer attended the meeting in Redcliffe Peninsula and two departmental officers attended the meeting in Beaconsfield.

5. All departmental officers who attended Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year were local staff. There are therefore no costs associated with their attendance.
6. There are no costs to report for the department. The total cost of travel and expenses for the Ministers office is \$12,198.36.