

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: SR37
Topic: Community Cabinet Meetings
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Senator Bushby asked:

Financial Year to Date:

1. How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location.
2. How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodate and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location.
3. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?

2011-12 Financial Year:

1. How many Community Cabinet meetings did the Minister attend in 2011-12? List date and location.
2. How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for 2011-12? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodate and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location.
3. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for 2011-12?

Answer:

2012-13 Financial Year to date:

1. The Minister has attended two Community Cabinet meetings in the 2012-13 financial year to date. The first meeting was in Ipswich on 10 July 2012, the second was held in Launceston on 3 October 2012.
2. No Departmental officers have travelled with the Minister for Community Cabinet meetings in the 2012-13 financial year to date. One Departmental officer attended the Community Cabinet meeting in Launceston on 3 October 2012 as the officer was already in Launceston for other departmental activities that coincided with the Community Cabinet meeting.
3. This financial year to date, there have been no costs associated with Departmental officers attending Community Cabinet meetings. The Minister and his staff travel costs are paid for by the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

2011-12 Financial Year:

1. The Minister attended one Community Cabinet meeting in the 2011-12 financial year. The meeting was in Parramatta on 4 April 2012.
2. No Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for Community Cabinet meetings during 2011-12.
3. There were no costs associated with Departmental officers attending Community Cabinet meetings during the financial year 2011-12. The Minister and his staff travel costs are paid for by the Department of Finance and Deregulation.