

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2008-09**

Outcome/Agency All

DEEWR Question No. EW0968_09

Senator Humphries provided in writing.

Refers to previous DEEWR Question No EW787_09

Question

Community Cabinet

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

Answer

Ministers are provided with a range of entitlements, with the costs of these being shared between a number of Agencies. The Department of Finance and Deregulation is responsible for the payment of travelling allowances and travel costs within Australia by Ministers and their personal staff on the same basis that applies to all MOP(S) Act employees.

The cost of Ministers' travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings from the 2008 Budget Estimates to the 2008 Budget Supplementary Estimates, as advised by the Department of Finance and Deregulation, was tabled by the department in EW787_09.

The Department of Finance and Deregulation has estimated the cost of Ministers' travel and expenses for the three Community Cabinet meetings since the 2008 Budget Supplementary Estimates was \$1 603.