

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

Cross Portfolio

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Senator Barnett provided in writing.

Question

COMMUNITY CABINETS

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

Answer

In relation to Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio Ministers for the three Community Cabinet meetings since the 2009 Supplementary Budget Estimates, the following information is provided:

The cost of travel and expenses for portfolio Ministers estimated by the Department of Finance and Deregulation is \$2,477.18.

The Department of Finance and Deregulation has advised that 6 Ministerial staff attended at an estimated cost of \$6,356.53.

A total of 5 Departmental officers accompanied Ministers and the cost of travel was \$4,692.

The total cost was \$13,525.71.