

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

**Cross Portfolio**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0009\_12**

**Senator Abetz provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Community Cabinet**

What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD? How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting? What was the total cost of this travel? How many 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**

Costs of official travel by Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries and any accompanying staff are paid for by the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance).

Information about destinations and the cost of this travel is tabled in the Parliament every six months in a report titled *Parliamentarians' Expenditure on Entitlements paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation*. The reports and supporting information are also published on the Finance website.

In relation to the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations one Departmental officer travelled with the Minister at a cost of \$1,347.99.