

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Cross Portfolio

DEEWR Question No. EW0450_13

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Question

Community Cabinet Meetings - 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. 3. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location. 4. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?

Answer

1. Costs of official travel by Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries and their staff are met by the Department of Finance and Deregulation (DOFD). Any questions regarding those costs or arrangements should be referred to DOFD.

2. For the 2012-13 financial year to 31 October 2012, no departmental officers travelled with Portfolio Ministers for Community Cabinet meetings. All Community Cabinet meetings were attended by regional DEEWR staff at no cost.

3. DEEWR officers attended Community Cabinet meetings at Redbank Plains Queensland on 10 July 2012, in Orelia Western Australia on 5 September 2012 and in Launceston Tasmania on 3 October 2012.

8. With respect to the Minister's Office, please see 1 above. The cost incurred by DEEWR was \$0.