

Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012–13; 17 October 2012
Answers to questions on notice from Department of Veterans' Affairs

Revised Question 121

Outcome 3: Program 3.2

Topic: Centenary of ANZAC

(Written Question on Notice)

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Answer

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Whyalla	2
Adelaide	14
Mount Gambier	5
Newcastle	32
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Longreach	3
Mount Isa	6
Townsville	14
Rockhampton	3

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Ballarat	27
Shepparton	4
Traralgon	9
Melbourne	56
Hobart	6
Launceston	15
Geelong	9
Bunbury	11
Canberra	11
Geraldton	6
Coffs Harbour	1
Perth	39
Broome	5
Batemans Bay	6
Darwin	6
Bathurst	7
Albury/Wodonga	13
Alice Springs	3
Wagga Wagga	10
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Adelaide	3	1 x SA 2 x ACT	SES APS6, APS4
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Geelong	3	2 x ACT 1 x VIC	SES, APS6 EL1
Bunbury	2	1 x WA 1 x ACT	SES APS6
Canberra	3	ACT	SES, EL1, APS6
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Parramatta	2	ACT	SES, EL1
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c) The following table outlines the costs for flights, accommodation or transport for DVA staff to attend each Forum.

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Traralgan	\$163.90	\$95.38	-	\$259.28
Melbourne	\$833.21	\$530.10	-	\$1,363.31
Hobart	\$1,029.15	\$427.36	-	\$1,456.51
Launceston	-	\$348.30	\$114.06	\$462.36
Geelong	\$622.02	\$398.00	\$64.04	\$1,084.06
Bunbury	\$1,387.10	\$254.00	\$124.31	\$1,765.41
Canberra	-	-	-	-
Geraldton	\$976.53	\$268.00	\$61.70	\$1,306.23
Coffs Harbour	\$875.02	\$465.50	\$217.58	\$1,558.10
Perth	\$3,602.95	\$317.25	\$62.15	\$3,982.35
Broome	\$1,838.74	\$380.00	\$77.80	\$2,296.54
Batemans Bay	\$804.78	\$230.00	-	\$1,034.78
Darwin	\$453.00	\$564.00	\$213.84	\$1,230.84
Bathurst	\$1,172.74	\$206.40	\$50.00	\$1,429.14
Albury/Wodonga	\$275.38	\$234.60	\$186.58	\$696.56
Alice Springs	\$3,904.70	\$264.00	\$133.42	\$4,302.12
Wagga Wagga	\$293.02	\$266.00	\$93.29	\$652.31
Parramatta	\$526.58	-	-	\$526.58
Port Macquarie	\$526.02	\$216.00	\$52.22	\$794.24

* Cost included in the scheduled annual visit by Deputy Commissioner NSW to Norfolk Island for consultations with clients, ESOs and territory officials.

d) The following table outlines the number of paid consultants at each Forum.

FORUM LOCATION	NUMBER OF CONSULTANTS*
Sydney	2
Brisbane	2
Gold Coast (Southport)	2
Norfolk Island	Nil
Broken Hill	1

Whyalla	2
Adelaide	2
Mount Gambier	2
Newcastle	2
Central Coast (Gosford)	1
Longreach	2
Mount Isa	2
Townsville	2
Rockhampton	2
Dubbo	1
Ballarat	2
Shepparton	2
Traralgon	2
Melbourne	2
Hobart	1
Launceston	1
Geelong	1
Bunbury	1
Canberra	1
Geraldton	1
Coffs Harbour	1
Perth	2
Broome	1
Batemans Bay	1
Darwin	1
Bathurst	1
Albury/Wodonga	1
Alice Springs	1
Wagga Wagga	1
Parramatta	1
Port Macquarie	1

* Staff from Conference Logistics, the company contracted to arrange the public forums, attended each forum to set-up and liaise with venue staff, register attendees, operate equipment and record and write transcripts of the forums.

e) The following table outlines the location (date and venue) of each Forum.

DATE	LOCATION	VENUE
8 October	Sydney	City of Sydney RSL Club
9 October	Brisbane	Broncos Leagues Club
10 October	Gold Coast (Southport)	Southport RSL Club
14 October	Norfolk Island	Norfolk Island RSL Memorial Club
14 October	Broken Hill	Broken Hill Musicians Club
15 October	Whyalla	Westland Hotel
16 October	Adelaide	Crowne Plaza Hotel Adelaide
17 October	Mount Gambier	Main Corner Function Centre
18 October	Newcastle	Crowne Plaza Hotel Newcastle
22 October	Central Coast (Gosford)	Gosford Golf Club

22 October	Longreach	Longreach RSL Club
23 October	Mount Isa	Buffalo Leagues Club
24 October	Townsville	Cowboys Leagues Club
25 October	Rockhampton	Rockhampton Leagues Club
29 October	Dubbo	Dubbo RSL Club
29 October	Ballarat	George Hotel
7 November	Shepparton	Shepparton RSL Club
8 November	Traralgon	Traralgon RSL Club
12 November	Melbourne	Box Hill RSL Club
13 November	Hobart	Lenah Valley RSL Club
14 November	Launceston	Launceston Country Club
15 November	Geelong	Geelong RSL Club
19 November	Bunbury	Quality Hotel Lord Forrest
19 November	Canberra	Canberra Southern Cross Club, Woden
20 November	Geraldton	African Reef Resort
20 November	Coffs Harbour	Coffs Harbour Ex-Services Memorial and Sporting Club
21 November	Perth	Parmelia Hilton Hotel
22 November	Broome	Mangrove Hotel
22 November	Batemans Bay	Batemans Bay Soldiers Club
26 November	Darwin	Frontier Hotel
26 November	Bathurst	Bathurst RSL Club
27 November	Albury/Wodonga	Albury SS&A Club
27 November	Alice Springs	Alice Springs Convention Centre
28 November	Wagga Wagga	Wagga Wagga RSL Club
28 November	Parramatta	Parramatta RSL Club
29 November	Port Macquarie	Port Macquarie Panthers Club

f) The following table outlines the cost of hiring the venue for each Forum.

Location	Venues & Room details	Room Hire Cost information	Cost
Sydney	City of Sydney RSL Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$400.00
Brisbane	Broncos Leagues Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$420.00
Gold Coast (Southport)	Southport RSL Club	Room hire	\$350.00
Norfolk Island	Norfolk Island RSL Club	Room hire – free of charge	-
Broken Hill	Musicians Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$100.00
Whyalla	Westlands Hotel/Motel	Room hire (AV included)	\$390.00
Adelaide	Crowne Plaza Hotel Adelaide	Room hire	\$650.00
Mount Gambier	Main Corner Function Centre	Room hire (AV included)	\$300.00

Newcastle	Crowne Plaza Hotel Newcastle	Room hire	\$560.00
Central Coast (Gosford)	Gosford Golf Club	Room hire	\$295.00
Longreach	Longreach RSL Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$300.00
Mount Isa	Buffalo Leagues Club	Room hire	\$350.00
Townsville	Cowboys Leagues Club	Room hire	\$200.00
Rockhampton	Rockhampton Leagues Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$360.00
Dubbo	Dubbo RSL Club	Room hire	\$190.00
Ballarat	George Hotel	Room hire	\$110.00
Shepparton	Shepparton RSL Club	Room hire	\$150.00
Traralgon	Traralgon RSL Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$104.55
Melbourne	Box Hill RSL Club	Room hire	\$350.00
Hobart	Lenah Valley RSL Club	Room hire	\$140.00
Launceston	Country Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$500.00
Geelong	Geelong RSL Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$250.00
Bunbury	Quality Hotel Lord Forrest	Room hire	\$250.00
Canberra	Canberra Southern Cross Club (Woden)	Room hire	\$290.00
Geraldton	African Reef Resort	Room hire	\$250.00
Coffs Harbour	Coffs Harbour Ex-Services Memorial and Sporting Club	Room hire	\$260.00
Perth	Parmelia Hilton Hotel	Room hire	\$1,000.00
Broome	Mangrove Hotel	Room hire	\$175.00
Batemans Bay	Batemans Bay Soldiers Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$150.00
Darwin	Frontier Hotel	Room hire	\$190.00
Bathurst	Bathurst RSL Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$80.00
Albury/Wodonga	Albury SS&A Club	Room hire	\$140.00
Alice Springs	Convention Centre	Room hire	\$500.00

Wagga Wagga	Wagga Wagga RSL Club	Room hire	\$200.00
Parramatta	Parramatta RSL Club	Room hire	\$225.00
Port Macquarie	Port Macquarie Panthers Club	Room hire	\$220.00

g) The following table outlines the cost of hiring equipment for each Forum.

Location	Venues & Room details	Room Hire Cost information	Cost
Sydney	City of Sydney RSL Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Brisbane	Broncos Leagues Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Gold Coast (Southport)	Southport RSL Club	Audio visual	\$120.00
Norfolk Island	Norfolk Island RSL Club	Audio visual	Free of charge
Broken Hill	Musicians Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Whyalla	Westlands Hotel/Motel	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Adelaide	Crowne Plaza Adelaide	Lectern & microphone	\$130.00
		Data projector/screen	\$355.00
		Roving microphone	\$180.00
Mount Gambier	Main Corner Function Centre	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Newcastle	Crowne Plaza Newcastle	Lectern & microphone	\$100.00
		Data projector	\$230.00
		Roving microphone	\$90.00
Central Coast (Gosford)	Gosford Golf Club	Lectern & microphone	\$60.00
		Data projector/screen	\$120.00
Longreach	Longreach RSL Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Mount Isa	Buffalos Leagues Club	Lectern & microphone	\$35.00
		Roving microphone	Complimentary
		Data projector/screen	\$50.00
Townsville	Cowboys Leagues Club	Roving microphone	\$60.00
		Data projector	\$175.00
Rockhampton	Rockhampton Leagues Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
		Roving microphone	Complimentary
Dubbo	Dubbo RSL Club	Data projector	\$110.00
Ballarat	George Hotel	Data projector/screen	\$80.00
		Microphone	\$50.00
Shepparton	Shepparton RSL Club	Data projector	\$50.00
		Lectern & microphone	\$10.00

		Roving microphone	\$10.00
Traralgon	Traralgon RSL Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
		Microphone	Complimentary
Melbourne	Box Hill RSL Club	Data projector	\$100.00
		Screen	\$50.00
		Roving microphone	No Charge
Hobart	Lenah Valley RSL Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
		Microphone	No Charge
Launceston	Country Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Geelong	Geelong RSL Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Bunbury	Quality Hotel Lord Forrest	Data projector	\$50.00
		Roving microphone	\$100.00
Canberra	Southern Cross Club	Audio visual	\$803.00
Geraldton	African Reef Resort	Lectern & microphone	\$30.00
		Roving microphone	\$10.00
		Data projector/screen	\$130.00
Coffs Harbour	Coffs Harbour Ex-Services Memorial and Sporting Club	Data projector	\$100.00
Perth	Parmelia Hilton Hotel	Audio visual	\$507.25
Broome	Mangrove Hotel	Data projector	\$275.00
		Other audio	Complimentary
Batemans Bay	Batemans Bay Soldiers Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Darwin	Frontier Hotel	Data projector/screen	\$220.00
		Lectern & microphone	Complimentary
		Roving microphone	No Charge
Bathurst	Bathurst RSL Club	Lectern & microphone	Complimentary
		Data projector	Complimentary
		Extra microphone	No Charge
Albury/Wodonga	Albury SS&A Club	Room hire	\$140.00
		Data projector	\$65.00
Alice Springs	Convention Centre	Audio visual	\$300.00
Wagga Wagga	Wagga Wagga RSL Club	Data projector	\$50.00
		Other equipment	Complimentary
Parramatta	Parramatta RSL Club	Data projector	\$100.00
		Other equipment	\$110.00
Port Macquarie	Port Macquarie Panthers Club	Audio visual	\$110.00

h) The following tables outline the number of invitations sent, date sent and indicative list of organisations invited.

Forum Location	Date Invites Sent	Number of Invites sent
Sydney	27 September 2012 (original letter sent with transposed date of 10/08/2012) Letter with correct date and explanation of error sent on 2 October 2012	222
Brisbane	28 September 2012	151
Gold Coast (Southport)	28 September 2012	71
Norfolk Island	Forum occurred as part of a larger program – invites not sent	-
Broken Hill	28 September 2012	30
Whyalla	3 October 2012	39
Adelaide	3 October 2012	150
Mount Gambier	3 October 2012	38
Newcastle	3 October 2012	88
Central Coast (Gosford)	9 October 2012	107
Longreach	9 October 2012	20
Mount Isa	9 October 2012	28
Townsville	9 October 2012	56
Rockhampton	10 October 2012	37
Dubbo	10 October 2012	47
Ballarat	10 October 2012	53
Shepparton	17 October 2012	35
Traralgon	17 October 2012	32
Melbourne	17 October 2012	205
Hobart	18 October 2012	71
Launceston	24 October 2012	41
Geelong	24 October 2012	39
Bunbury	25 October 2012	52
Canberra	31 October 2012	124
Geraldton	26 October 2012	38
Coffs Harbour	31 October 2012	45
Perth	24 October 2012	140
Broome	26 October 2012	26
Batemans Bay	31 October 2012	45
Darwin	8 November 2012	54
Bathurst	12 November 2012	37
Albury/Wodonga	14 November 2012	94
Alice Springs	8 November 2012	46
Wagga Wagga	13 November 2012	42
Parramatta	12 November 2012	211
Port Macquarie	13 November 2012	79

Indicative list of organisations invited
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Veterans & Services Association
Australasian Association of Genealogists and Record Agents Inc
Australian Army Cadets
Australian Army Medical Women's Association
Australian Army Training Team Vietnam Association
Australian Federation of TPI Ex-Servicemen and Women
Australian Legion of Ex-Servicemen and Women
Australian Special Air Service Association
Australian Veterans and Defence Services Council Inc
Australian Women's Army Service
Australian Women's Land Army Association
Blinded Soldiers of St Dunstan's Australia
British Airborne Forces Associations
Secondary Schools and Colleges
Local Councils
Defence Force Welfare Association
Girl Guides Australia
Legacy
Lions Club
National Servicemen's Association of Australia Inc
Naval Association of Australia
Netherlands Ex-Servicemen & Women's Association in Australia
Partially Blinded Soldiers' Association of Australia
Probus Club
RAAF Association
Rats of Tobruk Association
Returned & Services League of Australia Ltd
Rotary Club
Royal Australian Armoured Corps Association
Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps Association
Royal Australian Historical Society
Royal Australian Navy Corvettes Association
Royal Marines Association
Scouts Australia
Society of Australian Genealogists
Submarines Association Australia
The Australasian Society of Family History Organisations
Universities, TAFE colleges and student associations
Vietnam Veterans' Association of Australia
View Club

War Widows' Guild
Women's Royal Australian Army Corps Association
World Veterans Federation
YMCA/YWCA
Zonta International

- i) The following table outlines advertising undertaken, date of publication and cost of advertising for each Forum.

NEWSPAPER	DATE ADVERTISEMENT APPEARED	COST
Brisbane Courier Mail	29 September 2012	\$1,642.01
The Daily Telegraph	29 September 2012	\$2,714.03
The Sydney Morning Herald	29 September 2012	\$2,612.00
Gold Coast Bulletin	3 October 2012	\$587.14
Adelaide Advertiser	6 October 2012	\$1,115.64
Barrier Daily Truth	6 October 2012	\$275.68
Newcastle Herald	6 October 2012	\$830.13
Mount Gambier Border Watch	9 October 2012	\$226.72
Whyalla News	9 October 2012	\$273.71
Central Coast Express Advocate	12 October 2012	\$388.33
Rockhampton Morning Bulletin	13 October 2012	\$359.94
Townsville Bulletin	13 October 2012	\$431.69
Mount Isa North West Star	16 October 2012	\$337.40
North Queensland Register	18 October 2012	\$327.17
Ballarat Courier	20 October 2012	\$353.51
Dubbo Daily Liberal	20 October 2012	\$335.92
Shepparton Adviser	31 October 2012	\$293.00
LaTrobe Valley Express	1 November 2012	\$310.07
Herald Sun - Melbourne	3 November 2012	\$3,147.25
Hobart Mercury	3 November 2012	\$478.00
Geelong Advertiser	3 November 2012	\$369.61
Launceston Examiner	3 November 2012	\$391.51
Canberra Times	10 November 2012	\$548.70
West Australian	10 November 2012	\$1,600.65
Coffs Coast Advocate	10 November 2012	\$340.71
Geraldton Guardian	12 November 2012	\$228.48
Bunbury Herald	13 November 2012	\$228.48
Broome Advertiser	15 November 2012	\$212.01
Alice Springs Centralian Advocate	16 November 2012	\$338.61
Batemans Bay Post/Moruya Examiner	16 November 2012	\$238.44
Albury Border Mail	17 November 2012	\$408.67
Bathurst Western Advocate	17 November 2012	\$255.41
Port Macquarie Independent	17 November 2012	\$188.31
Northern Territory News	17 November 2012	\$581.56
Wagga Daily Advertiser	17 November 2012	\$288.20
The Daily Telegraph	17 November 2012	\$2,525.04

Announcements for the forums were also posted on the Department of Veterans' Affairs Facebook page and via Twitter. There was no cost for this advertising.

- j) The Minister for Veterans' Affairs attended the public forum held in Melbourne on 12 November 2012. The Member for Newcastle, Ms Sharon Grierson MP, attended the forum in Newcastle on 18 October 2012. The Member for Herbert, Mr Ewen Jones MP, attended the forum in Townsville on 24 October 2012.

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Answer

The following answers are current as of close of business 9 November 2012. The last Public Forum is to be held on 30 November 2012.

- a) The public consultation process will end on 30 November 2012. The location and number of attendees at forums held as at 9 November were:

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Shepparton	\$163.90	\$234.00	\$192.14	\$590.04
Traralgon	\$163.90	\$95.38	-	\$259.28

*Cost for Norfolk Island included in scheduled annual visit by DC NSW for consultations with clients, ESOs and territory officials.

d) There were no paid consultants at forums.

e) The following table outlines the location (date and venue) of each forum.

DATE	LOCATION	VENUE
8 October	Sydney	City of Sydney RSL Club
9 October	Brisbane	Broncos Leagues Club
10 October	Gold Coast (Southport)	Southport RSL Club
14 October	Norfolk Island	Norfolk Island RSL Memorial Club
14 October	Broken Hill	Broken Hill Musicians Club
15 October	Whyalla	Westland Hotel
16 October	Adelaide	Crowne Plaza Hotel Adelaide
17 October	Mount Gambier	Main Corner Function Centre
18 October	Newcastle	Crowne Plaza Hotel Newcastle
22 October	Central Coast (Gosford)	Gosford Golf Club
22 October	Longreach	Longreach RSL Club
23 October	Mount Isa	Buffalo Leagues Club
24 October	Townsville	Cowboys Leagues Club
25 October	Rockhampton	Rockhampton Leagues Club
29 October	Dubbo	Dubbo RSL Club
29 October	Ballarat	George Hotel
7 November	Shepparton	Shepparton RSL Club
8 November	Traralgon	Traralgon RSL Club
12 November	Melbourne	Box Hill RSL Club
13 November	Hobart	Lenah Valley RSL Club
14 November	Launceston	Launceston Country Club
15 November	Geelong	Geelong RSL Club

19 November	Canberra	Canberra Southern Cross Club, Woden
19 November	Bunbury	Quality Hotel Lord Forrest
20 November	Geraldton	African Reef Resort
20 November	Coffs Harbour	Coffs Harbour Ex-Services Memorial and Sporting Club
21 November	Perth	Parmelia Hilton Hotel
22 November	Broome	Mangrove Hotel
22 November	Batemans Bay	Batemans Bay Soldiers Club
26 November	Darwin	Frontier Hotel
26 November	Bathurst	Bathurst RSL Club
27 November	Alice Springs	Alice Springs Convention Centre
27 November	Albury/Wodonga	Albury SS&A Club
28 November	Wagga Wagga	Wagga Wagga RSL Club
28 November	Parramatta	Parramatta RSL Club
29 November	Port Macquarie	Port Macquarie Panthers Club

f) The following table outlines the cost of hiring the venue for each Forum.

Location	Venues & Room details	Room Hire Cost information	Cost
Sydney	City of Sydney RSL Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$400.00
Brisbane	Broncos Leagues Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$420.00
Gold Coast (Southport)	Southport RSL Club	Room hire	\$350.00
Norfolk Island	Norfolk Island RSL Club	Room hire – free of charge	-
Broken Hill	Musicians Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$100.00
Whyalla	Westlands Hotel/Motel	Room hire (AV included)	\$390.00
Adelaide	Crowne Plaza Hotel Adelaide	Room hire	\$650.00
Mount Gambier	Main Corner Function Centre	Room hire (AV included)	\$300.00
Newcastle	Crowne Plaza Hotel Newcastle	Room hire	\$560.00
Central Coast (Gosford)	Gosford Golf Club	Room hire	\$295.00
Longreach	Longreach RSL Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$300.00
Mount Isa	Buffalo Leagues Club	Room hire	\$350.00
Townsville	Cowboys Leagues Club	Room hire	\$200.00
Rockhampton	Rockhampton Leagues Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$360.00

Dubbo	Dubbo RSL Club	Room hire	\$190.00
Ballarat	George Hotel	Room hire	\$110.00
Shepparton	Shepparton RSL Club	Room hire	\$150.00
Traralgon	Traralgon RSL Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$104.55
Melbourne	Box Hill RSL Club	Room hire	\$350.00
Hobart	Lenah Valley RSL Club	Room hire	\$140.00
Launceston	Country Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$500.00
Geelong	Geelong RSL Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$250.00
Canberra	Canberra Southern Cross Club (Woden)	Room hire	\$290.00
Bunbury	Quality Hotel Lord Forrest	Room hire	\$250.00
Geraldton	African Reef Resort	Room hire	\$250.00
Coffs Harbour	Coffs Harbour Ex-Services Memorial and Sporting Club	Room hire	\$260.00
Perth	Parmelia Hilton Hotel	Room hire	\$1,000.00
Broome	Mangrove Hotel	Room hire	\$175.00
Batemans Bay	Batemans Bay Soldiers Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$150.00
Darwin	Frontier Hotel	Room hire	\$190.00
Bathurst	Bathurst RSL Club	Room hire (AV included)	\$80.00
Alice Springs	Convention Centre	Room hire	\$500.00
Albury/Wodonga	Albury SS&A Club	Room hire	\$140.00
Wagga Wagga	Wagga Wagga RSL Club	Room hire	\$200.00
Parramatta	Parramatta RSL Club	Room hire	\$225.00
Port Macquarie	Port Macquarie Panthers Club	Room hire	\$220.00

g) The following table outlines the cost of hiring equipment for each Forum.

Location	Venues & Room details	Room Hire Cost information	Cost
Sydney	City of Sydney RSL Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Brisbane	Broncos Leagues Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Gold Coast	Southport RSL Club	Audio visual	\$120.00
Norfolk Island	Norfolk Island RSL Club	Audio visual	Free of charge
Broken Hill	Musicians Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Whyalla	Westlands Hotel/Motel	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Adelaide	Crowne Plaza Adelaide	Lectern & microphone	\$130.00
		Data projector/screen	\$355.00
		Roving microphone	\$180.00
Mount Gambier	Main Corner Function Centre	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Newcastle	Crowne Plaza Newcastle	Lectern & microphone	\$100.00
		Data projector	\$230.00
		Roving microphone	\$90.00
Central Coast	Gosford Golf Club	Lectern & microphone	\$60.00
		Data projector/screen	\$120.00
Longreach	Longreach RSL Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Mount Isa	Buffalos Leagues Club	Lectern & microphone	\$35.00
		Roving microphone	Complimentary
		Data projector/screen	\$50.00
Townsville	Cowboys Leagues Club	Roving microphone	\$60.00
		Data projector	\$175.00
Rockhampton	Rockhampton Leagues Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
		Roving microphone	Complimentary
Dubbo	Dubbo RSL Club	Data projector	\$110.00
Ballarat	George Hotel	Data projector/screen	\$80.00
		Microphone	\$50.00
Shepparton	Shepparton RSL Club	Data projector	\$50.00
		Lectern & microphone	\$10.00
		Roving microphone	\$10.00
Traralgon	Traralgon RSL Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
		Microphone	Complimentary
Melbourne	Box Hill RSL Club	Data projector	\$100.00
		Screen	\$50.00
		Roving microphone	Included with AV equipment above

Hobart	Lenah Valley RSL Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
		Microphone	Included in room hire
Launceston	Country Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Geelong	Geelong RSL Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Canberra	Southern Cross Club	Audio visual	\$803.00
Bunbury	Quality Hotel Lord Forrest	Data projector	\$50.00
		Roving microphone	\$100.00
Geraldton	African Reef Resort	Lectern & microphone	\$30.00
		Roving microphone	\$10.00
		Data projector/screen	\$130.00
Coffs Harbour	Coffs Harbour Ex-Services Memorial and Sporting Club	Data projector	\$100.00
Perth	Parmelia Hilton Hotel	Audio visual	\$507.25
Broome	Mangrove Hotel	Data projector	\$275.00
		Other audio	Complimentary
Batemans Bay	Batemans Bay Soldiers Club	Audio visual	Included in room hire
Darwin	Frontier Hotel	Data projector/screen	\$220.00
		Lectern & microphone	Complimentary
		Roving microphone	Complimentary
Bathurst	Bathurst RSL Club	Lectern & microphone	Complimentary
		Data projector	Complimentary
		Extra microphone	Complimentary
Alice Springs	Convention Centre	Audio visual	\$300.00
Albury/Wodonga	Albury SS&A Club	Room hire	\$140.00
		Data projector	\$65.00
Wagga Wagga	Wagga Wagga RSL Club	Data projector	\$50.00
		Other equipment	Complimentary
Parramatta	Parramatta RSL Club	Data projector	\$100.00
		Other equipment	\$110.00
Port Macquarie	Port Macquarie Panthers Club	Audio visual	\$110.00

h) The following tables outline the number of invitations sent, date sent and indicative list of organisations invited.

Forum Location	Date Invites Sent	Number of Invites sent
Sydney	27 September 2012 Correction sent 2 October 2012	222
Brisbane	28 September 2012	151

Gold Coast (Southport)	28 September 2012	71
Norfolk Island	Forum occurred as part of a larger program – invitations not sent	-
Broken Hill	28 September 2012	30
Whyalla	3 October 2012	39
Adelaide	3 October 2012	150
Mount Gambier	3 October 2012	38
Newcastle	3 October 2012	88
Central Coast (Gosford)	9 October 2012	107
Longreach	9 October 2012	20
Mount Isa	9 October 2012	28
Townsville	9 October 2012	56
Rockhampton	10 October 2012	37
Dubbo	10 October 2012	47
Ballarat	10 October 2012	53
Shepparton	17 October 2012	35
Traralgon	17 October 2012	32
Melbourne	17 October 2012	205
Hobart	18 October 2012	71
Launceston	24 October 2012	41
Geelong	24 October 2012	39
Canberra	31 October 2012	124
Bunbury	25 October 2012	52
Geraldton	26 October 2012	38
Coffs Harbour	31 October 2012	45
Perth	24 October 2012	140
Broome	26 October 2012	26
Batemans Bay	31 October 2012	45
Darwin	8 November 2012	54
Bathurst	Not sent as of 9 November 2012	Not sent as of 9 November 2012
Alice Springs	8 November 2012	46
Albury/Wodonga	Not sent as of 9 November 2012	Not sent as of 9 November 2012
Wagga Wagga	Not sent as of 9 November 2012	Not sent as of 9 November 2012
Parramatta	Not sent as of 9 November 2012	Not sent as of 9 November 2012
Port Macquarie	Not sent as of 9 November 2012	Not sent as of 9 November 2012

Indicative list of organisations invited

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Veterans & Services Association
Australasian Association of Genealogists and Record Agents Inc
Australian Army Cadets

Australian Army Medical Women's Association
Australian Army Training Team Vietnam Association
Australian Federation of TPI Ex-Servicemen and Women
Australian Legion of Ex-Servicemen and Women
Australian Special Air Service Association
Australian Veterans and Defence Services Council Inc
Australian Women's Army Service
Australian Women's Land Army Association
Blinded Soldiers of St Dunstan's Australia
British Airborne Forces Associations
Secondary Schools and Colleges
Local Councils
Defence Force Welfare Association
Girl Guides Australia
Legacy
Lions Club
National Servicemen's Association of Australia Inc
Naval Association of Australia
Netherlands Ex-Servicemen & Women's Association in Australia
Partially Blinded Soldiers' Association of Australia
Probus Club
RAAF Association
Rats of Tobruk Association
Returned & Services League of Australia Ltd
Rotary Club
Royal Australian Armoured Corps Association
Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps Association
Royal Australian Historical Society
Royal Australian Navy Corvettes Association
Royal Marines Association
Scouts Australia
Society of Australian Genealogists
Submarines Association Australia
The Australasian Society of Family History Organisations
Universities, TAFE colleges and student associations
Vietnam Veterans' Association of Australia
View Club
War Widows' Guild
Women's Royal Australian Army Corps Association
World Veterans Federation
YMCA/YWCA
Zonta International

- i) The following table outlines advertising undertaken, date of publication and cost of advertising for each forum.

NEWSPAPER	DATE ADVERTISEMENT APPEARED	COST
Brisbane Courier Mail	29 September 2012	\$1,642.01
The Daily Telegraph	29 September 2012	\$2,714.03
The Sydney Morning Herald	29 September 2012	\$2,612.00
Gold Coast Bulletin	3 October 2012	\$587.14
Adelaide Advertiser	6 October 2012	\$1,115.64
Barrier Daily Truth	6 October 2012	\$275.68
Newcastle Herald	6 October 2012	\$830.13
Mount Gambier Border Watch	9 October 2012	\$226.72
Whyalla News	9 October 2012	\$273.71
Central Coast Express Advocate	12 October 2012	\$388.33
Rockhampton Morning Bulletin	13 October 2012	\$359.94
Townsville Bulletin	13 October 2012	\$431.69
Mount Isa North West Star	16 October 2012	\$337.40
North Queensland Register	18 October 2012	\$327.17
Ballarat Courier	20 October 2012	\$353.51
Dubbo Daily Liberal	20 October 2012	\$335.92
Shepparton Adviser	31 October 2012	\$293.00
LaTrobe Valley Express	1 November 2012	\$310.07
Herald Sun - Melbourne	3 November 2012	\$3,147.25
Hobart Mercury	3 November 2012	\$478.00
Geelong Advertiser	3 November 2012	\$369.61
Launceston Examiner	3 November 2012	\$391.51
Canberra Times	10 November 2012	\$548.70
West Australian	10 November 2012	\$1,600.65
Coffs Coast Advocate	10 November 2012	\$340.71
Geraldton Guardian	12 November 2012	\$228.48
Bunbury Herald	13 November 2012	\$228.48
Broome Advertiser	15 November 2012	\$212.01
Alice Springs Centralian Advocate	16 November 2012	\$338.61
Batemans Bay Post/Moruya Examiner	16 November 2012	\$238.44
Albury Border Mail	17 November 2012	\$408.67
Bathurst Western Advocate	17 November 2012	\$255.41
Port Macquarie Independent	17 November 2012	\$188.31
Northern Territory News	17 November 2012	\$581.56
Wagga Daily Advertiser	17 November 2012	\$288.20
The Daily Telegraph	17 November 2012	\$2,525.04
	TOTAL:	\$25,783.73

Announcements for the forums were also posted on the Department of Veterans' Affairs Facebook page and via Twitter. There was no cost for this advertising.

- j) The Minister for Veterans' Affairs is to attend the public forum held in Melbourne on 12 November 2012. The Member for Newcastle, Ms Sharon Grierson MP, attended the forum in Newcastle on 18 October 2012. The Member for Herbert, Mr Ewen Jones MP, attended the forum in Townsville on 24 October 2012.