Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian Public Service Commission

Outcome/Program: Cross Portfolio Topic: Community Cabinet Meetings

Senator: Ryan

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Question:

Provide an update of how many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location.

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. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location.

What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?

Answer:

Senator Gary Gray attended one Community Cabinet meeting in September 2012 in Perth this financial year to date in his capacity as Minister for the Public Service and Integrity.

Minister Mark Dreyfus has attended six Community Cabinet meetings this financial year to date, including two in his capacity as Minister for the Public Service and Integrity.

- 10 July 2012, Brisbane
- 5 September 2012, Perth
- 14 November 2012, Brisbane
- 20 Feb 2013, Adelaide
- 27 March 2013, Perth
- 17 April 2013, Melbourne

The Australian Public Service Commission does not hold information about the number of staff, or the travel costs of Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries and MOP(S) Act staff as these arrangements are administered by the Department of Finance and Deregulation