

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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**Senator BERNARDI**—Please, correct the record.

**Senator Ludwig**—There are two matters: ..... and (2) I think there was an answer where I said that my advice was that the CCSTU staff had not travelled to attend community cabinet meetings. I have been made aware that on one occasion a staff member from the CCSTU did travel to and attend a community cabinet in Adelaide. That is in your home state.

**Senator BERNARDI**—At taxpayers' expense?

**Senator Ludwig**—They were on the CCSTU, so it would have been—I will check what the actual full details were...

**Answer:**

Records held by the Department of Finance and Deregulation show one staff member, employed with the CCSTU, incurred travel costs of \$367.00 for travel to Adelaide on 28 July 2009, a destination at which a Community Cabinet meeting was being held. Records also indicate that the staff member was on duty during this time.