

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

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Question: 101

**Topic: Constitutional Recognition of Local Government - Funding for
Community Meetings**

Asked By: Senator JOYCE

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Who is funding these community meetings and the travel expenses for the attending Panel Members?

Answer:

Funding required for the community consultation meetings and related Panel member travel expenses is funded under the 2011-12 Budget allocation of \$9.4 million set aside to implement a range of priorities relevant to Regional Australia. This includes progression of a referendum on constitutional recognition of local government.