

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: 148

Topic: Community Cabinet 2010-11 Costs

Asked By: Senator RYAN

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- a) What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held for the year 2010-11?
- b) How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for the year 2010-11? What was the total cost of this travel?
- c) How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for the year 2010-11? What was the total cost of this travel?
- d) What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for the year 2010-11?

Answer:

- a) The Department of Finance and Deregulation is responsible for the Minister's travel and expenses.
- b) The Minister has attended one Community Cabinet meeting and was accompanied by two of his ministerial staff. The Department of Finance and Deregulation is responsible for Ministerial Staff travel and expenses.
- c) Two departmental officers travelled with the Minister to the Community Cabinet meeting at a cost of \$7,826.
- d) The total cost for the Department was \$7,826. The costs for the Minister and his staff are the responsibility of the Department of Finance and Deregulation.