

**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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**Asked By: Senator JOYCE**

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How much have you spent on the Inspectorate's activities so far? How much do you expect it to cost?

**Answer:**

The total cost for meeting and inspection activities for the Reconstruction Inspectorate as of 28 October 2011 is \$81,817.78.

The Taskforce has an approved administrative support budget of \$339,000 for the Reconstruction Inspectorate for this financial year. This budget includes costs to attend meetings and undertake site visits as part of reviews. It may also include costs of specialist advisors to provide expert advice to the Inspectorate.