

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: 73

Topic: Climate Change Forums - Attendance from Department

Asked By: Senator JOYCE

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- a) Who organised these forums, and who from the Minister's office and the Department attended these forums?
- b) Who funded these forums, and the travel expenses associated with the Minister and staff attending these forums?

Answer:

- a) In general, the forums were organised by Regional Development Australia (RDA) committees and attended by the Minister and staff from his office, as well as available staff from the Department's Regional Engagement Division, or the regional network.
- b) Clean Energy Future Forums were organised by RDA committees. Where there were room hire and catering costs, RDA funding was used. Travel expenses for Departmental staff were covered under departmental expenditure.