

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department Finance and Deregulation

Outcome/Program:

Topic: Community Cabinet Meetings

Senator: Ryan

Question reference number: F76

Type of question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: Friday, 30 November 2012

Number of pages: 2

Question:

- a) How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location.
- b) How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel?
- c) List travel type, accommodate and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location.
- d) What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?
- e) How many Community Cabinet meetings did the Minister attend in 2011-12? List date and location.
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- g) What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for 2011-12?

Answer:

For the period 1 July to 30 September 2012:

- a) Minister for Finance and Deregulation – Two: 10 July 2012, Ipswich QLD; and 5 September 2012, Orelia WA.

Special Minister of State – One: 5 September 2012, Orelia WA.

b)
Minister for Finance and Deregulation – One

Ipswich, Queensland, 10 July 2011 (\$)	
Hotel Accommodation	233
Airfare	23 ^a
Taxis/Transport	257
Meals and Incidentals	67
Total	580

^a Departmental officer was already in Brisbane and a change in departure flight resulted in airfare variance.

Special Minister of State – Nil.

c) \$14,574

Note 1. Without consultation with the travellers, the information in the table above relies on an assumption that all travel to and from relevant locations immediately before and after the relevant Cabinet meetings, was for the purposes of attending the Cabinet meetings.

Note 2. The above figures include airfares and Travelling Allowance (including Motor Vehicle Allowance) claims. They do not include travel by taxis (due to the difficulties determining exact destinations using the electronic information as provided by Cabcharge), COMCAR (which is charged directly to portfolio agencies), or travel on Special Purpose Aircraft (which is administered by the Department of Defence).

Note 3. Fare costs are GST Exclusive.

This answer covers the period for 2011 - 2012:

d)
Minister for Finance and Deregulation – Two: 1 September 2011, Yeronga, QLD;
and 16 May 2012, Berwick VIC.

Special Minister of State – Nil.

e)
Minister for Finance and Deregulation – Two.

	Yeronga, Queensland 1 September 2011 (\$)	Berwick, Victoria 16 May 2012 (\$)
Hotel Accommodation	249	245
Airfare	488	N/A*
Taxis/Transport	15	395
Meals and Incidentals	61	26
Total	813	666

* Officer was attending another meeting in Melbourne on 17 May, for which airfares had been purchased. No additional airfares were incurred for the Community Cabinet.

Special Minister of State – Nil.

f) \$9,427

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