

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location.

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? List travel type, accommodate and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location.

What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?

Answer:

1. As at 30 October 2012, the Prime Minister had attended the three Community Cabinet meetings held in 2012-13. Meetings have been held at:
 - a. Ipswich (Qld) 10 July 2012
 - b. Orelia (WA) 5 September 2012
 - c. Launceston (Tas) 3 October 2012

2. PM&C sent one senior departmental officer to accompany the Prime Minister to each meeting in addition to the separate team of officials who were responsible for

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running the event. A table of travel costs for the senior departmental officer accompanying the Prime Minister is below.

Senior Departmental Officer Travel Costs

Meeting /Date	Travel costs *
Ipswich (Qld) 10 July 2012	\$924
Orelia (WA) 5 September 2012	\$1,358
Launceston (Tas) 3 October 2012	\$1,010

** Cost of flights, hire car and accommodation where required.*

3. On available invoices, the total estimated cost of the Ipswich meeting was \$63,980, and the Brand meeting was \$70,430. Costs for the Launceston meeting are still being finalised as some invoices are yet to be received.