

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 15-18 October 2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

How many Community Cabinet meetings did the Minister attend in 2011-12? List date and location.

How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for 2011-12? 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 2011-12?

Answer:

1. The Prime Minister attended the five Community Cabinet meetings held in 2011-12. Meetings were held at:

- a) Yeronga (Qld) 1 September 2011
- b) Kingston (Tas) 3 October 2011
- c) Werribee (Vic) 9 November 2011
- d) Parramatta (NSW) 4 April 2012, and
- e) Berwick (Vic) 16 May 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 running the event. A table of travel costs for the senior departmental officer accompanying the Prime Minister is below.

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Senior Departmental Officer Travel Costs

Meeting /Date	Travel costs *
Yeronga (Qld) 1 September 2011	\$1,664
Kingston (Tas) 3 October 2011	\$1,765
Werribee (Vic) 9 November 2011	\$468
Parramatta (NSW) 4 April 2012	\$1,074
Berwick (Vic) 16 May 2012	\$546

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

3. Five meetings were held in the 2011-2012 financial year. Based on current invoices, the total cost to PM&C to deliver the meetings was \$382,663.