

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 9 FEBRUARY 2010

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(84) Program : Internal Product**

Senator Barnett asked:

- (1) What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held since Budget Estimates?
- (2) How many Ministerial Staff and Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet Meeting?
- (3) What was the cost of this travel?
- (4) What was the total cost to the Department and the Minister's Office?

*Answer:*

- (1) The cost of the Minister's travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings since Budget Estimates is in the order of \$12,400.
- (2) Details of how many Ministerial Staff and Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for each Community Cabinet meeting that the Minister attended are set out below:

#### **30 June 2009 Community Cabinet Meeting in Queensland (QLD)**

Two Ministerial staff members travelled with the Minister for the meeting.

Two Departmental officers attended the meeting.

#### **28 July 2009 Community Cabinet Meeting in South Australia (SA)**

One Ministerial staff member travelled with the Minister for the meeting.

One Departmental officer attended the meeting.

#### **25 August 2009 Community Cabinet Meeting in New South Wales (NSW)**

One Ministerial staff member travelled with the Minister for the meeting.

One Departmental officer attended the meeting.

**1 October 2009 Community Cabinet Meeting in Western Australia (WA)**

Two Ministerial staff members travelled with the Minister for the meeting.

One Departmental officer attended the meeting.

**13 October 2009 Community Cabinet Meeting in Tasmania (TAS)**

Two Ministerial staff members travelled with the Minister for the meeting.

One Departmental officer attended the meeting.

**9 November 2009 Community Cabinet Meeting in NSW**

One Ministerial staff member travelled with the Minister for the meeting.

One Departmental officer attended the meeting.

**8 December 2009 Community Cabinet Meeting in QLD**

One Ministerial staff member travelled with the Minister for the meeting.

Two Departmental officers attended the meeting.

**20 January 2010 Community Cabinet Meeting in SA**

One Ministerial staff member travelled with the Minister for the meeting.

One Departmental officer attended the meeting.

(3) The total cost of this travel was in the order of \$19,950.

(4) The total cost to the Department was \$6,850 and the total cost to the Minister's office was \$13,100.

Please note:

- costs are as at 4 March 2010 and have been rounded to the nearest \$50; and
- costs relating to the Minister and Ministerial staff are based on advice from the Department of Finance and Deregulation.