

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES: 13 FEBRUARY 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE12/0080) Program: Internal Product**

Senator Humphries asked:

How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel?

*Answer:*

One ministerial staff travelled to the Victorian Community Cabinet meeting in the electorate of Lalor on Wednesday, 9 November 2011. This is the only time Ministerial staff have travelled to a Community Cabinet meeting this financial year to date.

The costs of official travel by ministers, parliamentary secretaries and any accompanying staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* (MOP(S) Act) are met by the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance). Detailed information regarding Parliamentary entitlements expenditure, including ministers' and parliamentary secretaries' overseas and domestic travel entitlements is tabled in the Parliament every six months and published on the Finance website. The report also includes car transport costs for ministers and parliamentary secretaries met by their home departments.