

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Program SPCG

Question No. 96

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2010:

Since Additional Estimates:

- a. What was the cost of Ministers' travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held since Budget Estimates?
- b. How many Ministerial Staff and Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting? What was the total cost of this travel?
- c. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

As at 24 May 2010 and since Additional Estimates, there have been three Community Cabinet meetings, all of which were attended by the Attorney-General, the Hon Robert McClelland MP. Details of costs for the Ministers, ministerial staff and departmental officers are below:

Meeting	Minister	Cost	No of Ministerial Staff	Cost of Ministerial staff	No of Departmental Staff	Cost of Departmental Staff
Ballarat VIC February 2010	Attorney-General	\$1300.05	2	\$1543.55	1	\$498.13
Epping NSW April 2010	Attorney-General	Nil	2	\$884.23	1	\$1002.83
Burnie TAS May 2010	Attorney-General	\$802.72	2	\$1742.52	1	\$1062.29
Totals	Ministers	\$2102.77	Ministerial Staff	\$4170.30	Departmental Staff	\$2563.25

The costs for Ministers and ministerial staff are provided by the Department of Finance and Deregulation which is responsible for the official commercial travel of Ministers and ministerial staff within Australia.

The total cost to the Department and Ministers' offices was \$8,836.32.