

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 26-27 MAY 2010

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (119) Program: Internal Product

Senator Barnett asked:

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

*Answer:*

- (1) As at 27 May 2010, the cost of the Minister's travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held since Additional Estimates was in the order of \$5,000.
- (2) Details of how many ministerial staff and departmental officers travelled with the Minister for each Community Cabinet meeting are set out below:

#### **18 February 2010 Community Cabinet Meeting in Victoria**

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

#### **15 April 2010 Community Cabinet Meeting in New South Wales**

Three ministerial staff members travelled with the Minister for the meeting.

#### **19 May 2010 Community Cabinet Meeting in Tasmania (TAS)**

The Minister did not attend the Community Cabinet meeting in TAS. The Minister was represented by the Attorney-General (AG). One ministerial staff member travelled for the meeting to assist the AG.

No departmental officers travelled with the Minister to the 18 February, 15 April and 19 May 2010 Community Cabinet meetings.

- (3) The total cost of this travel was in the order of \$7,150.
- (4) The total cost to the Department was nil and the total cost to the Minister's office was \$7,150.

Please note:

- costs are as at 27 May 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.