

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0109) Program: Internal Product

Senator Humphries (L&CA 29-30) 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? Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Ministerial Staff attend? List date and location.

Answer:

One ministerial staff member travelled to the Community Cabinet meeting in Werribee, Victoria on Wednesday, 9 November 2011.

One ministerial staff member travelled to the Community Cabinet meeting in Parramatta, New South Wales on Wednesday 4 April 2012.

These are the only times 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.