

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 12 June 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0511) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Humphries (Written) asked:

Provide an update of how many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location. How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodate and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?

Answer:

The Minister has attended four Community Cabinet meetings this financial year (at 28 May 2013). The dates and location are as follows:

10 July 2012	Blair and Oxley, Ipswich, Queensland
5 September 2012	Brand, Fremantle, Western Australia
27 March 2013	Thornlie, Perth Western Australia
22 May 2013	Regents Park, Blaxland, New South Wales

Departmental officers attended five community cabinet meetings this financial year (at 28 May 2013). The dates and locations are as follows:

3 October 2012	Bass, Launceston, Tasmania
20 February 2013	Boothby, Aberfoyle Park, South Australia
27 March 2013	Thornlie, Perth, Western Australia
17 April 2013	Deakin, Ringwood, Victoria
22 May 2013	Blaxland, Regents Park, New South Wales

The total cost to the Department for departmental attendance at these Community Cabinet meetings is \$7,670.87. This amount covered air fares, accommodation and taxi fares associated with the travel to the community cabinet meetings.

The costs of official travel by Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries and any accompanying staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* are met by the Department of Finance and Deregulation.