

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0091) Program: Internal Product

Senator Humphries asked:

How many ministerial staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD? What was the total cost of this travel?

Answer:

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.