

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0116) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Humphries (written) asked:

Portfolio wide - Community Cabinet meetings: What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for 2011-12 and this financial year to date?

Answer:

The total cost to the department for Community Cabinet meetings for 2011-12 was \$1308.02. This amount covers air fares, accommodation, hire car and car parking charges.

The total cost to the department for Community Cabinet meetings this financial year to date is \$1,069.04. This amount covers air fares, accommodation and taxi fares.

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.