

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

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17 October – 18 October 2012

**Question: SBT 708-710**

**Topic: Community Cabinet Meetings**

**Written: Received from Committee – 26 October 2012**

**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

708.

- a. How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location.
- b. How many Community Cabinet meetings did the Minister attend in 2011-12? List date and location

709.

- a. How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?
  - i. What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodate and any other expenses.
  - ii. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location.
- b. How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings in 2011-12?
  - i. What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodation and any other expenses.
  - ii. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location.

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- a. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?
- b. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for 2011-12?

**Answer:**

708. a) Three Community Cabinet meetings were attended by Treasury portfolio ministers this financial year to date. These include:
- 10 July 2012 Ipswich meeting in Queensland. This was attended by the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer, Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer;

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- the 3 October 2012 meeting in the electorate of Bass, Tasmania. This was attended by The Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation; and

- the 14 November 2012 meeting in the electorate of Petrie, Queensland. This was attended by the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer, Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer.

b) Please see above and BET 688-692 of 29-31 May 2012.

709. a) Airfares \$ 2942.98, WOAG fees \$11.88 On-line booking fees \$33.00, Accommodation \$364.60, t/a \$195.05, Parking \$24.80, Vehicle Hire 104.13.

1 Treasury official attended the three meetings listed above.

b) Please see above and BET 688-692 of 29-31 May 2012.

710. a) The Department of the Treasury has no involvement in the travel arrangements for attending ministers of their accompanying advisers. Meeting attendance costs for attending ministers and their accompanying advisers were met by the Department of Finance and Deregulations and questions on this matter should be directed to that Department.

Please see response to 709 part A for total costs for Departmental officials.

b) Please see above and BET 688-692 of 29-31 May 2012.