

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10**

Outcome Corporate

DEEWR Question No. EW806_10

Senator Humphries provided in writing.

Refer to previous Questions on Notice EW968_09, EW969_09; EW970_09

Question

Community Cabinets

What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held since Budget Estimates?

How many Ministerial Staff and Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting? What was the total cost of this travel?

What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office?

Answer

In relation to Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio Ministers for the six Community Cabinet meetings since the 2009 Budget Estimates the following information is provided,

The cost of travel and expenses for portfolio Ministers estimated by the Department of Finance and Deregulation is \$16,390.

The Department of Finance and Deregulation has advised that nineteen Ministerial staff attended at an estimated cost of \$23,226.64.

A total of eight Departmental officers accompanied Ministers and the cost of the travel was \$8,976.

The total cost was \$48,592.94.