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Senator Ray asked:

What is the total cost of moving everyone over there, in these 'stringent fiscal times'?

Answer:

The answer provided to me by the Australian Electoral Commission is as follows;

The estimated cost of the Strategic Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting in Perth on 16-17 June 2003 is \$39,000.

NOTE:

- This figure covers fares, accommodation and meal allowances, conference room and equipment hire, and travel costs for local staff to travel to and from the meeting.
- Attendance for the full meeting includes 2 WA based staff for the entire meeting plus 20-30 WA based staff for one afternoon to discuss with senior management the issues facing the organisation.
- Because of the higher cost involved in travelling to Perth, a SAC (then Management Board) meeting has not been held there since June 1999. In the intervening period 15 SAC/Management Board meetings have taken place either in Canberra or in another capital city.

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Senator Ray asked:

So will you take on notice the estimated costs of holding this meeting in Perth?

Answer:

- Please see answer to Question 58