

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

Budget Estimates

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Question: BR40
Topic: Community Cabinet Meetings
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Senator Bushby asked:

1. What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date?
2. How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended? List date and location.
3. How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Ministerial Staff attend? List date and location.
4. How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodation and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location.
5. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?

Answer:

Department

1. The Minister's travel costs are paid for by the Department of Finance and Deregulation.
2. The Minister attended one Community Cabinet meeting in the 2011-12 financial year. The meeting was in Parramatta on 4 April 2012.
3. One Ministerial staff member travelled with the Minister to the Community Cabinet meeting in Parramatta on 4 April 2012. The Ministerial staff travel costs are paid for by the Department of Finance and Deregulation.
4. No Departmental officers attended Community Cabinet meetings in the 2011-12 financial year.
5. The Minister and his staff travel costs are paid for by the Department of Finance and Deregulation.