

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-071

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: COMMUNITY CABINETS

Written Question on Notice

Senator McKenzie asked:

- a) What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date?
- b) How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?
- c) What was the total cost of this travel?
- d) How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?
- e) What was the total cost of this travel?
- f) List travel type, accommodation and any other expenses.
- g) What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?

Answer:

a) to c)

The Department of Health and Ageing is not responsible for organising or paying for travel for our Ministers or Parliamentary Secretary. This is a responsibility of the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

d) and e)

The total cost of Departmental officers' attendance at Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date is \$2,268.25

Community Cabinet Meeting Location and Date	No of Departmental staff	Departmental Staff Costs (Travel and associated expenses)
Yeronga (QLD) - 1 September 2011	1	\$ 1,794.25
Kingston (TAS) - 3 October 2011	1	\$ 50.00
Werribee (VIC) - 9 November 2011	1	\$ 424.00
Total cost (2011-12)		\$ 2,268.25

- f) Details and costs of all Community Cabinet Meetings held this financial year to date are listed above. These figures include airfares and Travelling Allowance claims. They do not include travel by taxis (due to the difficulties determining exact destinations using the electronic information as provided by Cabcharge) or travel on Special Purpose Aircraft (which is administered by the Department of Defence).
- g) The total cost to the Department of attendance at Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date is \$2,268.25. Ministerial and ministerial staff travel costs for Community Cabinet meetings are paid through the Department of Finance and Deregulation.