

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Question No: 38

Topic: Community Cabinet

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Senator McKenzie asked:

What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date?

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?

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.

What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?

Answer:

The cost of Ministers' travel and expenses is obtainable from the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

The number and cost for Ministerial staff who travelled with the Ministers are obtainable from the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

The table below shows the breakdown of cost and the number of Departmental staff who attended each Community Cabinet meeting held this financial year to date.

Community Cabinet Location	Departmental Staff Attendance	Cost of Departmental Staff Attendance (GST Exclusive)	
YERONGA QLD 1 September 2011	3	Accommodation	\$214.55
		Airfares	\$1226.41
		Travel Allowances	\$179.00
KINGSTON TAS 3 October 2011	3	Accommodation	\$150.30
		Airfares	\$534.44
		Travel Allowances	\$75.70
WERRIBEE VIC 9 November 2011	3	Accommodation	\$237.60
		Airfares	\$973.74
		Travel Allowances	\$160.00

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The total Departmental cost for staff to attend Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date is \$3,751.74 (GST Exclusive).

The total cost for the Minister's office to attend Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date is obtainable from the Department of Finance and Deregulation.