

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 13 & 15 February 2013

Question: E13-082

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Community Cabinet Meetings

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Senator Boyce

Question:

- a) How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location.
- b) 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, accommodate and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location.
- c) 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 date, there have been five Community Cabinet Meetings held during the 2012-13 financial year.

With the exception of the 3 October 2012 Community Cabinet Meeting held in Launceston, Tasmania, one or more of the Portfolio Ministers and Parliamentary Secretary attended the meetings as outlined below:

- 10 July 2012 – Ipswich, Queensland (Parliamentary Secretary King)
- 5 September 2012 – Perth, Western Australia (Minister Plibersek)
- 3 October 2012 – Launceston, Tasmania**
- 14 November 2012 – Kippa-Ring, Queensland (Minister Plibersek, Minister Butler)
- 20 February 2013 – Aberfoyle Park, South Australia (Minister Butler)

** Minister Butler was unable to attend the Community Cabinet held at Launceston, Tasmania on 3 October 2012 and was represented by an Advisor.

- b) Between one and two Departmental Officers attended each of the Community Cabinet Meetings held this financial year.

The total cost of this travel, accommodation and other expenses was \$3,480.39. The following table provides a breakdown of these costs.

c)

	Ipswich (10 July 12)	Perth (5 Sept 12)	Launceston (3 Oct 12)	Kippa-Ring (14 Nov 12)	Aberfoyle Park (20 Feb 13)
No. Dept staff	2	1	1	2	1
Travel	\$37.30 (Taxi fare)	-	\$1,417.43 (Air fare)	\$35.30 (Taxi fare)	\$883.82 (Air fare)
Accommodation	-	\$380.00	\$171.00	-	\$170.00
Other	-	-	\$137.80	-	\$137.80
Motor Vehicle					\$109.94
Totals	\$37.30	\$380.00	\$1,726.23	\$35.30	\$1,301.56