

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
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**2012-13 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross

**Question No:** 431

**Topic:** Community Cabinet Meetings

**Hansard Page:** Written

**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 Community Cabinet meetings has each Minister attended? List date and location.

How many Ministerial Staff travelled with each 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.

How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister(s) 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.

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 for Ministers travel and expenses is obtainable from the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

The date and location for Community Cabinet meetings Ministers have attended is obtainable from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

The number and cost for Ministerial Staff that travelled with Ministers is obtainable from the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

The table below shows the cost and location for Departmental staff to attend Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date.

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Community Cabinet Location	Departmental Staff Attendance	Cost of Departmental Staff Attendance ( <i>GST Exclusive</i> )	
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
PARRAMATTA NSW 4 April 2012	3	Airfares	\$723.00
		Travel Allowances	\$23.00
LA TROBE VIC 16 May 2012	2	Accommodation	\$264.00
		Airfares	\$1146.68
		Travel Allowances	\$160.00

The total Departmental cost for staff to attend Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date is \$6,068.42 (GST Exclusive).