

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: Cross

Question No: 331

Topic: Community Cabinet Meetings

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Senator Smith asked:

1. Provide an update of how many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location.
2. 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.
3. 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 date and location for Community Cabinet meetings that the Minister has attended can be obtained from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

The total costs for the Minister's office to attend Community Cabinet meetings in this financial year to date are held by the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

The total Departmental cost for staff to attend Community Cabinet meetings this financial year is \$17,922.36 (excluding GST).

The table on the following page provides cost and location for Departmental staff to attend Community Cabinet Meetings for this financial year.

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Community Cabinet Location	Departmental Staff Attendance	Cost of Departmental Staff Attendance (GST Exclusive)*	
IPSWICH QLD, 10 July 2012	5	Airfares	\$997.00
		Travel Allowances	\$255.01
ORELIA WA, 5 September 2012	4	Accommodation	\$470.91
		Airfares	\$3042.74
		Travel Allowances	\$362.15
LAUNCESTON TAS, 3 October 2012	3	Accommodation	\$138.18
		Airfares	\$1192.75
		Travel Allowances	\$247.00
PETRIE QLD, 14 November 2012	4	Accommodation	\$210.91
		Airfares	\$1066.17
		Travel Allowances	\$167.55
BOOTHBY SA, 20 February 2013	4	Accommodation	\$764.73
		Airfares	\$2113.11
		Travel Allowances	\$553.84
HASLUCK WA, 27 March 2013	5	Accommodation	\$813.63
		Airfares	\$3935.62
		Travel Allowances	\$612.44
DEAKIN VIC, 17 April 2013	3	Accommodation	\$162.73
		Airfares	\$673.84
		Travel Allowances	\$142.05
BLAXLAND NSW, 22 May 2013	nil	Nil	
Total Departmental staff travel costs	28		\$17,922.36

* Please note that in previous responses to similar Questions on Notice (Question Nos 213, 2012-13 Additional Estimates; and 310, 2012-13 Supplementary Estimates) the figures provided were GST inclusive, not GST exclusive as advised.