

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-11, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-209

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: COMMUNITY CABINET

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) What was the cost of Minister's travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held since Budget Estimates 2010?
- b) How many Ministerial Staff and Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meeting?
- c) What was the total cost of this travel?
- d) What was the total cost to the Department and the Minister's office?

Answer:

a)

Meeting	Roxon	Elliot	Ellis	Snowdon
Swan, WA 9 June 2010	\$2,861.08	\$4,062.96	N/A	N/A

b and c)

Meeting	Roxon Staff	Elliot Staff	Ellis Staff	Snowdon Staff	Departmental Officer	Total Cost
Swan, WA 9 June 2010	2	2	0	0	1	\$13,278.42

d)

Meeting	Ministers	Ministerial Staff	Department	Total Cost
Swan, WA 9 June 2010	\$6,924.04	\$10,055.30	\$3,223.12	\$20,202.46

Ministerial staff travel costs for Community Cabinet meetings are paid through the Department of Finance and Deregulation (DoFD). Figures reported are provided by DoFD.

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).

A Schedule of Special Purpose Flights is produced periodically by the Department of Defence covering a six month period, and is tabled in the Federal Parliament.

Ministers, their staff and Departmental officers often conduct official business additional to Community Cabinet meetings while at a Community Cabinet location. It is not possible to disaggregate the effects of such other business on the costs listed in this answer.