

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES - 18 OCTOBER 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

#### **Human Services Portfolio**

**Topic:** Community Cabinet Meetings

**Question reference number:** HS 85

**Senator:** Boyce

**Type of question:** Written

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#### **Question:**

- a) How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended in 2011-12?  
List date and location.
- b) How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for 2011-12? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodation 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 Minister's office for the Community Cabinet meetings for 2011-12?

#### **Answer:**

- a) Two. The former Minister for Human Services, the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, attended the Franklin Community Cabinet meeting in Tasmania on 3 October 2011. The Minister for Human Services, Senator the Hon Kim Carr, attended the Berwick Community Cabinet meeting in Victoria on 16 May 2012.
- b) Three. The approximate cost of travel was \$2,016 broken down as follows: airfares \$1,095; accommodation \$360; travel allowance \$254; and car/taxi fares \$307. Meetings attended: Franklin, Tasmania on 3 October 2011 (two officers); and Berwick, Victoria on 16 May 2012 (one officer).
- c) The Department does not hold this information.