

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Question: BET 688-692

Topic: Community Cabinet

Hansard Page: Written (Received from Committee 13 June 2012)

Senator Bushby asked:

- 688. What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date?
- 689. How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended? List date and location.
- 690. How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the 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.
- 691. 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, accommodation and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location.
- 692. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?

Answer:

- 688. The Department of the Treasury has no involvement in the travel arrangements for attending ministers or their accompanying advisers. Meeting attendance costs for attending ministers and their accompanying advisers were met by the Department of Finance and Deregulation and questions on this matter should be directed to that department.
- 689. 1 September 2011 – Yeronga, Qld – Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer
3 October 2011 – Kingston, Tas - Assistant Treasurer
9 November 2011 – Werribee, Vic – Assistant Treasurer
4 April 2012 – Parramatta, NSW – Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer
16 May 2012 – Berwick, Vic – Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation
- 690. See answer to 688.

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691. 1 Treasury official attended 4 meetings. No Treasury officials attended the 16 May 2012 meeting in Berwick, Victoria. The cost of this travel was Airfares \$3612.97, WOAG fees \$15.84, On-line booking fees \$44.00, Accommodation \$1124.00, t/a \$616.20, Parking \$66.80.
692. Departmental costs were \$5479.81. For Ministerial Office costs, please see answer to question 688.