

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Budget Estimates

4 – 6 June 2013

**Question: BET 374-376**

**Topic: Community Cabinet Meetings**

**Hansard Page: Written**

**Senator Bushby asked:**

- 374.** Provide an update of how many Community Cabinet meetings the Minister has attended this financial year to date\*? List dates and locations.
- 375.** How many departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date\*?
- a. What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodation and any other expenses.
- b. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the departmental officers attend? List dates and locations.
- 376.** What is the total cost to the department and the Minister's office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date\*?

\*Financial year – 31 May 2013

**Answer:**

- 374.** Six Community Cabinet meetings were attended by Treasury portfolio ministers this financial year to date. Please see AET 219-222 of February 2013 in addition to the below for details.
- 17 April meeting in Ringwood, Victoria, attended by the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation;
- 22 May in Regents Park, Sydney, New South Wales attended by the Deputy Prime Minister and Assistant Treasurer.
- 375.** See AET 219-222 of February 2013. For the Community Cabinet meetings of 17 April and 22 May three departmental officers travelled with the minister. See below for details.
- Airfares and fees \$1,688, Accommodation \$451, Travel Allowances \$284.
- 376.** The Department of the Treasury has no involvement in the travel arrangements for attending ministers of their accompanying advisers. Meeting attendance costs for attending ministers and their accompanying advisers were met by the Department of Finance and Deregulations and questions on this matter should be directed to that Department.
- Please see response to AET 219-222 of February 2013 and above for total costs for Departmental officials.