

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** Community Cabinets

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Bushby

**QUESTION No.:** AI-230

1. What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date?
2. 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?
3. 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.
4. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?

**ANSWER**

1. \$2066.25
2. For the Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year, three Ministerial staff attended the meeting in Yeronga, Queensland (1 September 2011) at a cost of \$5072.00. One ministerial staffer attended the Kingston, Tasmania meeting (3 October 2011) at nil travel cost.
3. No departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date. Two local departmental officers have attended each meeting at nil travel cost.
4. \$7,138.25

Please note – as this information is as at 29 February 2012 this does not include figures for Outcome 3 which is transferring from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations due to the recent Machinery of Government.