

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Cross Portfolio

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Question

COSTS AND FIGURES IN REGARDS TO COMMUNITY CABINET

Senator CORMANN—Ms Paul, regarding community cabinets; what was the cost of the minister's travel and expenses for the community cabinet meetings held since additional estimates? Has somebody got that cost for us?..... ..Senator CORMANN—How many officials have been travelling with the minister to community cabinet meetings since the additional estimates? Mr Storen—It varies from community cabinet to community cabinet, but we can provide an answer to that on notice, as we have done in the past. Senator CORMANN—That is good. Please also provide us the cost of the travel and the total cost of community cabinets to the department.

Answer

In relation to Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio Ministers for Community Cabinet meetings since the 2010 Additional Estimates, the following information is provided.

The cost of travel and expenses for portfolio Ministers estimated by the Department of Finance and Deregulation is \$1,220.29.

The Department of Finance and Deregulation has advised that 5 Ministerial staff attended at an estimated cost of \$4,233.04

A total of 6 Departmental officers accompanied Ministers and the cost of travel was \$5,151.30.

The total cost was \$10,604.63.

Financial information on the 9 June Community Cabinet meeting is not yet available.