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AMENDMENT TO RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE PM92 Additional Estimates 18 February 2008

Please table the attached amendment to PM92 regarding the costs borne by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet in supporting the Canning Vale Community Cabinet meeting.

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: PM92

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Topic: Community Cabinet

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Senator Ronaldson asked: What was the cost of the Community Cabinet meeting held in Western Australia?

Answer: The costs borne by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in supporting the Canning Vale Community Cabinet meeting were \$62,131.40. This comprises staff travel, accommodation and expenses and venue, advertising, contractors and materials expenses. The meeting attendance costs of other Australian Government participants were met by the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Ministers and staff) and relevant Departments (other Officials).

Amendment: The costs borne by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet in supporting the Canning Vale Community Cabinet meeting were \$76,836.04. This is higher than the figure of \$62,131.40 previously provided, due to the inclusion of all outstanding departmental staff costs plus webpage, courier and materials expenses which were not available at the time.

