

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES – 29 MAY 2008

Human Services Portfolio

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Topic: Community Cabinet Travel

Senator: Coonan

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Question:

HS48a: What was the cost of Minister's travel and expenses for the 3 Community Cabinet meetings that have been held?

HS48b: How many Ministerial Staff and Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting?

HS48c: What was the total cost of this travel?

- Canning Vale, WA - 20 Jan 2008.
- Narangba, QLD - 2 March 2008.
- Penrith, NSW - 15 April 2008.

Answer:

HS48a: The cost of Minister's travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings as outlined at HS48c, as well as other duties relating to the Minister's responsibilities while in Canning Vale and Penrith, is as follows:

- Canning Vale \$4,653.
- Narangba Nil.
- Penrith \$2,854.

The cost represented expenses relating to the Community Cabinet meetings as well as other duties while in Canning Vale and Penrith, hence only a proportion of the above costs should be directly attributed to Community Cabinet meetings.

HS48b:

Number of staff travelling with the Minister for Community Cabinet meetings		
Meeting	Number of Ministerial staff	Number of Departmental staff
Canning Vale	2	3
Narangba	2	2
Penrith	2	3

HS48c: The total cost of travel, including the Ministerial travel component not directly related to Community Cabinet, was:

- Canning Vale \$18,511.
- Narangba \$2,630.
- Penrith \$6,306.

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