Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman
Outcome/Program: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman
Topic: Community Cabinets

Senator: Senator Ryan
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Question:

1. What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held for the year 2010-11?
2. How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for the year 2010-11? What was the total cost of this travel?
3. How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for the year 2010-11? What was the total cost of this travel?
4. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for the year 2010-11?
5. What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD?
6. How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD? What was the total cost of this travel?
7. How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD? What was the total cost of this travel?
8. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD?

Answer:

Q1, 2, 5, and 6: The office does not have information about travel costs by ministers, parliamentary secretaries and MOP(S) Act staff, as these arrangements are administered by the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

Q3: No office staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for the year 2010–11.

Q4: $0

Q7: No office staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for the period July – September 2011.

Q8: $0