QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0461) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Humphries (Written) asked:

Portfolio wide - How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location. 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, accommodation and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?

Answer:

The Minister for Immigration and Citizenship attended two Community Cabinet meetings this financial year to date as follows:

10 July 2012   Ipswich, (Blair & Oxley) Queensland
5 September 2012   Fremantle, (Brand) Western Australia

No Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister to the Ipswich or Fremantle Community Cabinet meetings this financial year to date.

Departmental Officers attended one Community Cabinet meeting this financial year to date as follows:

3 October 2012   Launceston (Bass) Tasmania

The total cost to the Department for Community Cabinet meetings this financial year to date is $1069.04 covering air fares, accommodation and taxi fares.

The costs of official travel by ministers, parliamentary secretaries and any accompanying staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff)* Act 1984 (MOP(s) Act) are met by the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance). Detailed information regarding Parliamentary entitlements expenditure, including ministers' and parliamentary secretaries' overseas and domestic travel entitlements is tabled in the Parliament every six months and published on the Finance website. The report also includes car transport costs for ministers and parliamentary secretaries met by their home departments.