COMMUNITY CABINET MEETINGS

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BY AUTHORITY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Community Cabinet Meetings

Mr Pearce (Aston) asked the Prime Minister, in writing, on 11 March 2008:

In respect of Community Cabinet meetings: (a) how many will be conducted in 2008; and (b) what is the total budgeted cost for each one, including expenses relating to (i) Ministers, (ii) ministerial staff, (iii) public servants and (iv) any other associated costs.

Mr Rudd (Griffith—Prime Minister)—I am advised that the answer to the honourable member’s question is as follows:

(a) Two community cabinet meetings have been conducted in 2008 – Canning Vale (WA) on 20 January 2008 and Narangba (Queensland) on 2 March 2008. The next community cabinet meeting will be conducted in Penrith (NSW) on 15 April 2008. The dates and locations of future community cabinet meetings will be announced in due course. Further details about the community cabinet program can be found at: www.pmc.gov.au/community_cabinet.

(b) to (iv) Details of the budget for the community cabinet program can be found in table 1.2 in the Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio Additional Estimates Statement for 2007-08. Expenses incurred by Ministers and Ministerial staff attending community cabinet meetings are met by the Department of Finance and Deregulation or by relevant departments (other Officials) as necessary.