

## Estimates Committee 2006 Questions Taken On Notice

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Subject: Travel for Sittings - Leader of the Opposition

**From:** Ms Jodeen Terese CARNEY to Honourable Jane Lesley AAGAARD  
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**Question:** 1-7  
Given that the Clerk has agreed that the ball park figure for the average cost for an Alice Springs-based member to travel to parliament per year for parliamentary sittings is in the order of \$40 000 to \$50 000, whereas my cost as member for Araluen to attend parliament has been borne by the Department of Legislative Assembly to date, I understand that as of 1 July this year that will no longer be the case and that my travel to the parliamentary sittings will need to come from the Leader of the Opposition's budget. Does the Speaker agree that it is important for the Leader of the Opposition, namely me, to do my job and that there should be no cost disadvantage by virtue of me residing in Alice Springs?

**Answer:**  
Answered On: 27/06/2006  
Answer: The level of entitlements for Members to undertake their duties as a Member of the Assembly is provided by the RTD pursuant to the relevant statutory provisions. In the administration of those entitlements no disadvantage should accrue to any Member.