

**Estimates Committee 2003**  
**Questions Taken On Notice**

( 01/10/2002 to 01/10/2004 )

Date: 06/25/2003 Output:  
Sub Output:  
Subject: Staff travel to Townsville and related costs pertaining to regional sittings of the Legislative Assembly in Alice Springs April/May 2003.

**From:** Mr REED to Honourable Loraine BRAHAM  
Speaker

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**Question:**

What was the number of staff that travelled to Townsville or any other related costs of travel to the sittings and the costs of those trips any other investigative activities that were undertaken in relation to planning for the sittings in Alice Springs?

**Answer:**

Answered On: 06/27/2003  
Answer: Details of Staff travel to Townsville and related costs pertaining to regional sittings of the Legislative Assembly in Alice Springs April/May 2003 are attached

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