

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2010-11 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 4

**Question No:** 72

**Topic:** Seniors Staff Travel to Workshops, Conferences etc

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Fierravanti-Wells** asked:

Have staff from Seniors within FaHCSIA attended conferences, workshops, seminars or planning days outside of Canberra? If so, please advise:

- where were these located
- what were the titles and objectives of these?
- what was the cost to the department for attendance at these, including travel?

**Answer:**

Seven staff members from Seniors and Means Test Branch attended conferences, workshops, seminars or planning days paid for this financial year outside of Canberra. Listed below are the details and costs associated with this training, including travel costs.

<b>Staff</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Objective of training</b>	<b>Cost this FY</b>
2	Conference	Adelaide	Australia Superannuation Fund of Australia 2010 Conference and Super Expo	Maintain and update knowledge of current financial products and issues to inform means test policy.	\$6,046.00
2	Conference	Melbourne	Investment and Financial Services Association Annual Conference	Maintain and update knowledge of current financial products and issues to inform means test policy.	\$1,042.00
1	Workshop	Sydney	2010 Introduction to Insolvency	Understand insolvency practices and issues to inform means test policy.	\$1,629.00
1	Information sessions	Hobart	Noah's Ark Visit (Centrelink)	Meet with Centrelink staff and customers to understand service delivery issues and inform policy development and program management.	\$1,071.00
1	Forum	Sydney	AHURI Forum	Understand seniors' housing needs.	\$282.00
				<b>TOTAL COST OF INTERSTATE TRAINING THIS FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	<b>\$10,070.00</b>