

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant. Also include the reason for the study.

Answer:

The department has spent a total of \$420,434 from 1 July 2011 to 31 January 2012 on centrally coordinated training through its Capability Development Framework (CDF). The courses ranged across core, mandatory, professional (technical) and leadership components which were delivered using outsourced providers and in-house delivery. An additional amount of \$167,331 was spent through the studies assistance scheme.

Employee participation across CDF programs total 805 occasions at an average approximate cost of \$522 per participant.

Approved studies assistance is provided to staff undertaking tertiary, professional or technical study relevant to work of the department. Every employee who had been approved to access studies assistance was entitled to up to 6 hours study leave per week. Indigenous employees have an entitlement to an additional 6 hours per week through the enterprise agreement.