

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office

Outcome/Program:

Topic: Graduate Staffing

Senator: Ryan

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Question:

1. How many graduates have been engaged this year?
2. Where have they been placed in the department/agency?
3. Were these empty positions or are they new positions?
4. List what training will be provided, the name of the provider and the cost.

Answer:

1. The Australian National Audit Office engaged 23 graduates in late January 2012. We also have two auditors from the Papua New Guinea Audit Office who participate in the ANAO Graduate Program (with their placements funded through AusAID).
2. Seventeen graduates, including the two Papua New Guinea graduates, joined our Assurance Audit Services Group and eight graduates joined our Performance Audit Services Group.
3. The ANAO seeks 25-30 Graduates each year. These are dedicated Graduate positions.
4. Graduate training provided, the name of the provider and the cost is provided in the following table.

ANAO Graduate Training – Internal Providers

Course	Duration	Company	Course Cost	No Grads
Assurance Audit – Planning: Audit Approach	2 days	ANAO	\$0.00	17
Assurance Audit – Refresh of Basic Audit Principles	4 days	ANAO	\$0.00	17
Assurance Audit – Refresh of Basic Audit Process	4 days	ANAO	\$0.00	17
ANAO Graduate Induction Program	5 days	ANAO	\$0.00	25
Application & Interview skills	2 hours	ANAO	\$0.00	25
Auditing a Process: Detailed Plan & Audit Procedures	3 days	ANAO	\$0.00	17
Introduction to Financial Statement Auditing	1 day	ANAO	\$0.00	17
Introduction to Performance Auditing	2 days	ANAO	\$0.00	8
Performance Audit Skills for New Analysts	4 days	ANAO	\$0.00	8
PAAM Training	2 hours	ANAO	\$0.00	17
Performance Audit Report Writing	1 day	ANAO	\$0.00	8
Strategic Planning for Financial Statements	2 days	ANAO	\$0.00	17
Technical Updates	1.5 hours	ANAO	\$0.00	17
Using TeamMate - Beginners	4 hours	ANAO	\$0.00	17

ANAO Graduate Training - External Providers

Course	Duration	Company	Course Cost	No Grads
APSC Graduate Event Series x 4 1. A Taste of Government 2. The Great APS Graduate Debate 3. The Great Graduate Speaker and Panel Series 4. Candid Reflections from inspiring APS Leaders	½ day	APSC	\$9,975.00	25
AASG Reading & Writing Workshop	1 day	John Shelton	\$2,000.00	17
AASG Reading & Writing Workshop - 2nd round	1 day	John Shelton	\$2,000.00	17
Australian Gov Accounting & Accountability Framework	2 days	Aust Capital Training Group	\$9,350.00	17
Australian Gov Accounting & Accountability Framework	2 days	Aust Capital Training Group	\$4,400.00	8
Conduct & Ethics Workshop	½ day	Life Unlimited	\$1,650.00	25
Excel Intermediate - Functions & Formulas	1 day	Wizard Corporate Training	\$5,236.00	17

Excel Intermediate – Modelling & Manipulating Data	1 day	Wizard Corporate Training	\$2,464.00	8
Introduction to the Senate Seminar	1 day	Senate Department	\$5,610.00	17
Respect & Diversity Workshop	½ day	Life Unlimited	\$1,650.00	25
Workplace Communication and Client Management	1.5 days	Link Learning	\$5,500.00	25
		Total	\$49,835.00	18.3 (average)

Note: Average (external) training cost per graduate - \$2,723 per annum