

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian Public Service Commission

Outcome/Program: Cross Portfolio

Topic: Education expenses

Senator: Ryan

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Question:

- 1. For the year 2010-11, 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.**
- 2. For the FYTD, 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.**

Answer:

1. The total staff development cost for 2010-11 is \$431,000 (GST inclusive). The Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) staff have attended a range of leadership, technical learning and development courses and programs aligned with their learning development plans. The APSC does not record education data in a way that would readily allow answers to be provided to these questions. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
2. The total year to date staff development cost for 2011-12 is \$125,000 (GST inclusive). The Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) staff have attended a range of leadership, technical learning and development courses and programs aligned with their learning development plans. The APSC does not record education data in a way that would readily allow answers to be provided to these questions. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.