

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman  
**Outcome/Program:** Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman  
**Topic:** Education expenses

**Senator:** 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. For the year 2010–11 the office’s education expenses were \$189,674. An attempt to provide the requested level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of office resources.
2. For the period 1 July – 31 October 2011 the office’s education expenses were \$58,505. An attempt to provide the requested level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of office resources.