

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 17-20 October 2011

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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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:

The Australia Council

1. Total education expenses for Australia Council staff for the 2010-11 year were \$186,656. To provide further detail about these expenses would require unreasonable diversion of resources.
2. The total cost of the Australia Council's education and learning this FYTD is \$19,913. To provide further detail about these expenses would require unreasonable diversion of resources.

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National Film and Sound Archive:

1. Total education expenses for NFSA staff for the 2010-11 year were \$129,202. This includes funding for studies assistance, executive coaching, seminars and a broad range of targeted learning and development needs identified by staff and supervisors. This would equate to an average of \$680 per ongoing employee.
2. Responding at the level of detail requested would require unreasonable diversion of resources. The NFSA Annual Report provides information on Developing Our People pages 120-22.

National Gallery of Australia

1. Total education expenses for National Gallery of Australia staff for the 2010-11 year were \$149,071. Reporting on every detail of the education and development would require unreasonable diversion of resources. Educational expenses for the year 2010-2011 totalled \$149,071, which equated to an average of \$569 per FTE
2. The total cost of the Gallery's education and learning this FYTD is \$17,227. Reporting on every detail of the education and development would require unreasonable diversion of resources. Educational expenses FYTD totalled \$12,005, which equates to an average of \$54 per FTE

National Library of Australia

1. Total education expenses for National Library of Australia staff for the 2010-11 year (including coaching and leadership training, excluding staff time) were \$399,222. Responding at the level of detail requested would require unreasonable diversion of resources.
2. The total cost of the National Library's education and learning this FYTD is \$94,528. Responding at the level of detail requested would require unreasonable diversion of resources.

National Museum of Australia

1. Total education expenses for Museum staff for the 2010-11 year were \$175,103. Staff were reimbursed costs under a study leave arrangement. Responding at the level of detail requested would require unreasonable diversion of resources.

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2. The total cost of the National Museum's education and learning this FYTD is \$17,368. There have been no reimbursements to date for study leave. Responding at the level of detail requested would require unreasonable diversion of resources.

Screen Australia

1. Total education expenses for Screen Australia staff for the 2010-11 year were \$43,000. Eight days study leave in total. Responding at the level of detail requested would require unreasonable diversion of resources.
2. Total education expenses YTD are \$33,500. There have been no reimbursements to date for study leave. Responding at the level of detail requested would require unreasonable diversion of resources.