

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office

Outcome/Program:

Topic: Education Expenses

Senator: Ryan

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Question:

1. Has there been any change to the department/agency's guidelines on study since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)? If yes, please provide details.
2. For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio agency department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, how many participants and the amount of study granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.

Answer:

1. No.
2. For the financial year to date:
 - Type of Courses/Study:** general; technical; leadership and development; project management; IT; Professional Associations (ICAA/CPA) and tertiary studies.
 - Total Spend:** \$144,401
 - Cost per participant** - \$493
 - Employment Classifications:** APS 1 to SES Band 3.
 - No. of participants:** 293
 - Study leave granted:** an average of 14.2 hours per participant
 - Reason/benefits of study:** The ANAO provides a blended solution of technical and general training to its staff annually. Professional qualifications and tertiary education are also encouraged and supported. The objective of the program is to continuously develop individual skill levels, assist with the attraction and retention of well qualified staff, enhance the quality of our audit reports and to strengthen and sustain our in-house capability. The curriculum is developed in consultation with staff.