

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: Education expenses

Senator: Ryan

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Question:

Has there been a change to the department/agency's guidelines on study since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)? If yes, please provide details.

For this financial year to date, 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, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave 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:

There has been no change to the APSC's Study Encouragement Scheme since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates.

The total staff development cost for the APSC for this financial year to date is \$80,552 exclusive of GST. APSC staff 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 the APSC's resources.

The number of participants engaged in study by classification, and the leave granted to those employees is detailed below.

Classification	Number of participants	Study Leave granted (hrs)
APS1	1	4.8
APS3	2	13.3
APS4	9	97.5
APS5	16	89.3
APS6	12	1906.5
EL1	21	6032.4
EL2	1	7.5
Total	62	8151.3