

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY 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. For 2011-12, 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, the employment classification of each 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. For 2011-12:

Type of Courses/Study: general; technical; leadership and development; project management; IT; Professional Associations (ICAA/CPA) and tertiary studies.

Total Spend: \$984,084

Cost per participant: \$2,326

Employment Classifications: APS 1 to SES Band 3.

No. of participants: 423

Study leave granted: an average of 39.7 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.