

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-417

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: EDUCATION EXPENSES

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

Please detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each Portfolio Department and agency. Include what type of course, the cost and how many participants.

Answer:

For the purpose of responding to this question, the department has taken the term 'education' to mean:

“a course undertaken by an employee that is supported by the department which leads to a formal qualification”.

The Department of Health and Ageing is not a Registered Training Organisation and hence does not conduct 'in-house' education courses.

The Department, via its studybank policy, supports employees to undertake further education through tertiary institutions. Between 1 June 2010 and 31 May 2011 a total of \$264,742.19 was spent supporting 223 employees.

Type of Study	Cost	Number of students
Certificate	\$19,399.32	17
Diploma	\$44,342.48	39
Bachelor	\$87,997.97	79
Masters	\$107,950.45	87
Doctorate	\$5,051.97	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$264,742.19</b>	<b>223</b>

In addition, the Department supports a range of training for staff. If this information is also desired the Department would be pleased to provide it.