

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

17 October – 18 October 2012

Question: SBT 1371-1373

Topic: Education Expenses - Treasury

Written: Received from Committee – 26 October 2012

Senator BUSHBY asked:

1371. 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.
1372. For this financial year to date (26 October 2012), 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.
1373. For 2011-12, 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:

1371. No.

1372. Expenditure on education expenses in the financial year to 26 October 2012, was \$502,872.00. This includes expenditure of \$81,182.00 through the studies assistance program.

Information on the type of course, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant has not been provided because it would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources to collate this information.

1373. Treasury's Annual Report 2011-12 pages 128, 129, 130 and 131 provide detailed information on Treasury's educational activities.