

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

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**Question: SBT 1398-1400**

**Topic: Education Expenses (ASIC)**

**Written: Received from Committee – 26 October 2012**

**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

1398. 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.
1399. 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.
1400. 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.

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#### Answer:

1398. There is no change to the agency's guidelines on study since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates.
1399. For the 2012-13 financial year to date (26 October 2012) \$101,010.30 has been spent. Year to date there has been a total of 2164 places that have been attended at an average cost per participant of \$46.68. For a breakdown of course type and participant numbers refer to the table below:

L&D Education Expenses 2012-13 YTD (1 July 2012 – 26 October 2012)	
Tertiary Courses	No of Participants
Core: Business	1150
Core: Self & Interpersonal	404
Core: Technical	41
Investigator	79
Continuing Professional Development Seminars	108
Legal/Lawyer	382
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>2164</b>

In total there were 38 programs, 172 sessions and an average of 4.5 sessions per program.

Study leave is not applicable for in-house programs. ASIC's records do not provide for the breakdown by classification for the above education expenses.

For the 2012-13 financial year to date ASIC has provided study reimbursement to 7 staff at a cost of \$14,067, which is an average cost of \$2,009 per student. (There are 102 approved students for this financial year to date with an estimated total financial liability of \$254,903, which is an average cost of \$2499 per student but only 7 have received reimbursement to date.)

A total of 89 staff have accessed study leave with 327 study leave days taken during this period, at an average of 3.6 days per person.

Tertiary Education Expenses 2012-13 YTD	
Tertiary Courses	No of Participants
Accounting & Finance	2
Information Technology	1
Law	4
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>

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Tertiary Education Expenses 2012-13 YTD	
Classification Level	No of Participants
ASIC2	
ASIC3	1
ASIC4	3
Executive Level 1	3
Executive Level 2	
SES	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>

1400. For the 2011-12 financial year \$1,204,742.36 was spent. There were a total of 6648 places that were attended at an average cost per participant of \$181.22. For a breakdown of course type and participant numbers refer to the table below:

L&D Education Expenses 2011-12 YTD (1 July 2011 – 30 June 2012)	
Tertiary Courses	No of Participants
Core: Business	656
Core: Self & Interpersonal	2544
Core: Technical	570
Accounting	21
Investigator	274
Continuing Professional Development Seminars	1045
Legal/Lawyer	1538
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>6648</b>

In total there were 84 programs, 412 sessions and an average of 4.9 sessions per program.

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For the 2011-12 financial year ASIC has provided study reimbursement to 155 staff at a cost of \$483,589, which is an average cost of \$3120 per student. (As per 2012-13 Budget Estimates May 2012, 188 staff were approved at a cost of \$510,265, which is an average cost of \$2,714 per student, however actual reimbursements claimed were less than allocated.)

A total of 171 staff have accessed study leave with 884 study leave days taken during this period, at an average of 5.2 days per person.

Tertiary Education Expenses 2011-12 YTD	
Tertiary Courses	No of Participants
Accounting & Finance	40
Arts	2
Business	30
Information Technology	4
Law	79
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>155</b>

Tertiary Education Expenses 2011-12 YTD	
Classification Level	No of Participants
ASIC2	4
ASIC3	34
ASIC4	43
Executive Level 1	41
Executive Level 2	31
SES	2
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>155</b>