

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 13 & 15 February 2013

Question: E13-104

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Education Expenses

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Senator Boyce

Question:

- a) What is the department/agency's guidelines on study?
- b) 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:

- a) Under the Department of Health and Ageing's Enterprise Agreement (2011-2014), the Studybank Scheme provides support to staff in the form of paid study leave to attend study activities during standard working hours, and potential reimbursement of a percentage of total study costs.
- b) See below table for education expenses for this financial year to date for the Health and Ageing Portfolio:

Department / Portfolio Agency	Expenditure 1 July 2012 – 31 January 2013
Department of Health and Ageing including the National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment; Office of the Gene Technology Regulator; and the Therapeutic Goods Administration	\$144,091.51
Aged Care Standards & Accreditation Agency Ltd	\$4,110
Australian Commission on Safety & Quality	\$10,959
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	\$8,740
Australian National Preventive Health Agency	\$500

Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority	\$2,717
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	\$9,295
Cancer Australia	\$1,500
Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	\$3,534
General Practice Education and Training	\$8,557
Health Workforce Australia	\$4,905
Independent Hospital Pricing Authority	\$0
National Blood Authority	\$43,310
National Health and Medical Research Council	\$19,555
National Health Funding Body	\$0
National Health Performance Authority	\$0
Private Health Insurance Administration Council	\$3,523
Private Health Insurance Ombudsman	\$1,000
Professional Services Review	\$0

To provide the level of detail to the remaining parts of the question would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

The Department recognises the value that tertiary study provides in enhancing the capability, knowledge and skills of staff.