

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Outcome Number: 6

Question No: 116

Topic: Questions on Notice

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Cash asked:

"I refer to the answer to question 141 at the 2011-12 supplementary estimates hearings, which provided a figure of \$1,337,125.59 in expenditure on consultancy at the Office for Women in the year 2010-11.

Could you please:

- (a) Provide a breakdown of what those consultants' fees are spent on.
- (b) Explain why, with an average 'year-to-date headcount' of 54 staff with expertise in gender issues, why the Office for Women needs to employ consultants to do work it would be reasonably expected to undertake on its own?
- (c) Can you also please provide a breakdown of the \$14,052.29 which was spent on hospitality – what was the reason for each function and what was the expense incurred per function?
- (d) Can you also please provide a breakdown of the \$56,764.12 which was spent on education for staff– what education was undertaken by the staff? How many staff were educated within the \$56,764.12?"

Answer:

(a)

Consultant	2010-11 Expenditure (GST excl)
Research	\$754,201
Stakeholder support	\$8,328
Program support	\$574,596
Total	\$1,337,125

(b) Specialised expertise.

(c)

Event	2010-11 Expenditure (GST excl)
Commission on Status of Women side event	\$3,551
National Women's Alliances – 2 day annual forum	\$2,887
2010-11 Women Budget Statement - launch	\$923
2010-11 100 th Anniversary International Women's Day launch and event	\$6,691
Total	\$14,052

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(d)

	2010-11 Expenditure (GST exclusive)
Study assistance	\$14,019.33
External training and conferences	\$26,956.74
Internal training and coaching	\$15,788.05
Total	\$56,764.12

All staff access staff development and training activities.