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Outcome Number: Cross Question No: 465

Topic: Education expenses **Hansard Page:** Written

Senator McKenzie asked:

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:

In order to respond to the level of detail requested in the Question on Notice, the Department would be required to allocate extensive resources to gather this information. The Department has, however, gathered centrally coordinated information relating to staff attendance for training provided, and the total cost incurred is detailed in the following table.

The total cost for participation in programs for this financial year, as reported, is \$4,948,102 (GST exclusive). Based on the information provided for this period, individuals spent an average of 5.8 hours in learning and development activities, and the average cost of training courses was \$475 per participant. Internal training is targeted across all classifications within the Department.

Costs provided cover internal and external learning and development activities, such as attendance at the Department's internal training and development programs, external conferences and seminars, and costs associated with staff undertaking tertiary studies through the study assistance program.

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Education Expenses (in house No of Total hours in Total cost of Average hours per Average cost per particpant (GST courses and tertiary studies) participants training training (GST participant spent at excl) training excl) Information Technology & Records \$456 2,008 10,069 \$4,673,183 4.5 Management Occupational Health & Safety 1,719 2,700 Policy Development 645 2,787 Contract Management 736 118 Stakeholder Engagement 70 1,120 Program Management 1,886 322 Governance, Risk & Compliance 1,320 3.948 Diversity 388 2,003 Leadership & Management 214 1,481 People Management 1,053 2,656 Communication & Writing 613 3,876 Financial Management & 2,906 416 Budgeting Events Seminars & Conferences 2.795 686 **External Training** 675 7,515 Study Assistance 162 13,756 \$274,919 84.9 \$1,697 Totals 10,409 60,234 \$4,948,102 5.8 \$475

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Data on reasons for study are not captured by the Department. Nominations for study can be generated from self-development needs, supervisor recommendation or through employee performance discussions.

Training in the Department is provided to enable employees to develop the skills and knowledge they need to improve their work performance and career prospects, and to ensure employees have the capabilities to deliver on the business outcomes of the Department.

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The responses provided from the Portfolio Bodies follows.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE AGENCY (EOWA)

Training Category/Course (includes in-house and external courses and tertiary studies)	No of participants	Classifications of participants	Total cost of training (GST excl)	Average hours per participant spent at training	Average cost per participant (GST excl)
Communication & Writing	4	APS5 x 4	\$3,119.52	5.63	\$779.88
Diversity	1	EL1	\$635.00	7.50	\$635.00
Financial Management & Budgeting	6	EL2 x 2 ; EL1 x 1 ; APS5 x 3	\$3,100.02	7.50	\$516.67
IT Systems Training & Records Management	12	APS6 x 2 ; APS5 x 9 ; APS4 x 1	\$4,810.68	8.13	\$400.89
Specialist Professional Development	4	EL1 x 3 ; APS 5 x 1	\$399.00	7.50	\$99.75
Leadership	6	EL2 x 2 ; EL1 x 3 ; APS5 x 1	\$11,100.00	15.83	\$1,850.00
Governance, Risk & Compliance	1	APS4	\$0	2.00	\$0
Stakeholder Engagement	3	EL2 x 1 ; APS5 x 2	\$2,340.00	10.00	\$780.00
Total	37		\$25,504.22	8.01	\$689.30

Reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the agency.

Communication & Writing - Study completed to improve knowledge base associated with communicating effectively with external and internal stakeholders, with a particular focus on business writing skills and preparing content for the web (EOWA is currently updating and improving its website).

Diversity - Mandatory refresher training for EOWA's Harassment Contact Officer

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Financial Management & Budgeting - Specialist learning for employees within the Operations area to enable them to effectively administer EOWA's financial operations. Learning opportunity for newly engaged EL2 in order to assist employee to effectively manage section budget.

IT Systems Training & Records Management - Study was undertaken in order to update employee skills in specific IT functions in order to allow more effective utilisation of software available to the Agency.

Specialist Professional Development - Study was undertaken by staff within Operations section in order to assist with effective management of EOWA's financial systems and processes.,

Leadership - Learning undertaken to hone the leadership capabilities of management and executive employees, and to assist in developing strategies for improved staff management and supervision practices.

Governance, Risk & Compliance - Learning undertaken to assist in completion of APSC survey.

Stakeholder Engagement - Study undertaken to develop skills within a range of areas including vendor relationship, influencing, social media and employer branding, in order to provide EOWA employees with the knowledge base required to effectively engage with external stakeholders.

TIWI LAND COUNCIL

Training Category/Course (includes in-house and external courses and tertiary studies)	No of participants	Classifications of participants	Total cost of training (GST excl)	Average hours per participant spent at training	Average cost per participant (GST excl)
Nil					
Total	0		0	0	0

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SOCIAL SECURITY APPEALS TRIBUNAL

Training Category/Course	No of	Classifications of	Total cost of training	Average hours	Average cost per
(includes in-house and external courses and tertiary	participants	participants	(GST excl)	per participant	participant (GST excl)
studies)				spent at	
				training	
Bachelor of Commerce	1	APS4	\$1,998.00	(Tertiary study)	\$1,998.00
Bachelor of Laws	1	APS4	\$4,943.00	(Tertiary study)	\$4,943.00
Masters of Development Studies *	1	APS4	\$4,200.00	(Tertiary study)	\$4,200.00
Bachelor of Laws	1	APS4	\$4,500.00	(Tertiary study)	\$4,500.00
Juris Doctor	1	EL1	\$5,000.00	(Tertiary study)	\$5,000.00
Masters of Laws	1	APS4	\$4,500.00	(Tertiary study)	\$4,500.00
Bachelor of Communication	1	APS4	\$3,825.00	(Tertiary study)	\$3,825.00
Postgraduate Research *	1	APS2	\$0	(Tertiary study)	\$0
Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice	1	EL1	\$0	(Tertiary study)	\$0
Bachelor of Laws	1	Full-time Member	\$3,070.00	(Tertiary study)	\$3,070.00
APS Job Applications and Interview Skills	24	Various up to APS6	\$8,400.00	7.42	\$350.00
IT technical training - vsphere	1	APS4	\$5,610.00	37	\$5,610.00
OH&S training	3	Various	\$1,712.00	15	\$571.00
First aid training	12	Various	\$1,246.00	7	\$104.00
Microsoft software training	15	Various APS	\$5,027.00	7	\$335.00
Personal development and job skills	17	Various APS	\$2,527.00	7.7	\$149.00
ComCare	2	APS5 and EL1	\$2,290.00	7.42	\$1,145.00

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Total 84 \$58,848.00 12.649 \$700.57	
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Reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the agency.

To meet compliance obligations and address personal development needs.

WRECK BAY ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Training Category/Course (includes in-house and external courses and tertiary studies)	No of participants	Classifications of participants	Total cost of training (GST excl)	Average hours per participant spent at training	Average cost per participant (GST excl)
Comcare	3	staff	\$1,948.09	16	\$649.37
Total	3		\$1,948.09	16	\$649.37

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF FAMILY STUDIES

Training Category/Course (includes in-house and external courses and tertiary studies)	No of participants	Classifications of participants	Total cost of training (GST excl)	Average hours per participant spent at training	Average cost per participant (GST excl)
Administration	1	staff	\$2,399.00	15	\$2,399.00
Communications	8		\$4,480.92	10.69	\$560.12
Finance	1		\$544.55	7.5	\$544.55
Information management	5		\$3,419.55	13.2	\$683.91

^{*} These studies were considered to be beneficial to the APS rather than to the SSAT.

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IT	4	\$3,235.36	11.25	\$808.84
Leadership	12	\$9,126.63	3.87	\$760.55
OH&S	7	\$1,918.19	4.82	\$274.03
People management	21	\$6,510.46	7.86	\$310.02
Research - technical	31	\$23,984.47	19.45	\$773.69
Tertiary studies	3	\$1,335.00	40.50	\$445.00
Total	93	\$56,954.13	13.414	\$612.41

Reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the agency.

Education and study activities are considered in light of strategic and operational requirements, staff skills and expertise and individual performance development plans.

OUTBACK STORES

Training Category/Course (includes in-house and external courses and tertiary studies)	No of participants	Classifications of participants	Total cost of training (GST excl)	Average hours per participant spent at training	Average cost per participant (GST excl)
Defensive Driving	2	staff	\$440.00	8	\$220.00
Forklift Training	16		\$6,770.00	8	\$423.13
4WD Training	14		\$2,124.00	8	\$151.71
СРА	1		\$714.00	120	\$714.00
Cost Accounting	1		\$1,054.00	120	\$1,054.00
Directors Course	2		11,250.00	40	\$5,625.00
Excel	10		1,000.00	4	\$100.00

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Safe & Healthier Food	1	\$536.00	8	\$536.00
Stress Management Course	1	\$116.00	4	\$116.00
Payroll Tax Training	1	\$450.00	8	\$450.00
FBT Workshop	1	\$373.00	8	\$373.00
HR Practises	1	\$189.00	8	\$189.00
First Aid	16	\$1,982.00	12.00	\$123.88
Responsible Serving of Alcohol	4	\$280.00	4.00	\$70.00
Total	71	\$27,278.00	25.714	\$384.20

Reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the agency.

Education and study activities are considered in light of strategic and operational requirements, staff skills and expertise and individual performance development plans.

ABORIGINAL HOSTELS LIMITED

Period covered: 1 July 2011 to 30 April 2012.

Training Category/Course (includes in-house and external courses and tertiary studies)	No of participants	Classifications of participants	Total cost of training (GST excl)	Average hours per participant spent at training	Average cost per participant (GST excl)
Conferences	16	APS1-EL1	\$14,825.00	3	\$926.56
Personal/Career Development	15	APS1-EL1	\$10,843.00	7.5	\$722.87
Cultural Awareness	8	APS1-EL1	\$1,422.24	5	\$177.78
Information Technology	81	APS1-EL1	\$4,017.44	7.5	\$49.60
Work Health and Safety	160	APS1-EL1	\$48,772.00	7.5	\$304.83
APS - Code of Conduct/other APS training	85	APS1-EL1	\$3,495.00	2.5	\$41.12

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Leadership/People Management	7	APS1-EL1	\$11,750.00	7.5	\$1,678.57
Communication	8	APS1-EL1	\$2,170.00	4	\$271.25
Records Management	3	APS1-EL1	\$900.00	4	\$300.00
Project Management	3	APS1-EL1	\$0	2.5	\$0
Business/Finance	28	APS1-EL2	\$2,750.00	4.5	\$98.21
Total	414		\$100,944.68	5.045	\$243.83

Reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the agency.

Much of the study undertaken benefits the agency by improving the capability of staff to deliver the best service to the agency's vulnerable client base. It meets the strategic objective of the agency in assisting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians to gain access to much needed to education and health services.

INDIGENOUS LAND CORPORATION

Training Category/Course (includes in-house and external courses and tertiary studies)	No of participants	Classifications of participants	Total cost of training (GST excl)	Average hours per participant spent at training	Average cost per participant (GST excl)
Communication and Writing	31	ILC3 Upper x 6 ILC2 Upper x 7 EL1 x 5 EL2 x 1 ILC2 Lower x 6 ILC1 Upper x 2 SES x 1 ILC1 Lower x 3	\$12,500.00	7.00	\$403.00

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Diversity		ILC3 Upper x 2	\$1,305.00	3.50	\$652.00
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Events, Seminars & conferences		EL1 x 4	\$3,716.00	7.00	\$338.00
	11	ILC2 Lower x 1			
		ILC3 Upper x 1			
		SES x 4			
		ILC Lower x 1			
Financial Management & Budgeting		EL1 x 1	\$11,079.00	14.00	\$923.00
	12	ILC1 Upper x 2			
		ILC 2 Lower x 3			
		ICL 2 Upper x 3			
		ILC3 Upper x 3			
Governance, Risk & Compliance		ILC2 Lower x 1	\$3,450.00	3.50	\$230.00
	15	ILC 3 Lower x 1			
		Legal2 x 5			
		Legal1 x 5			
		SES x 3			
IT Systems Training & Records Management		EL2 X 2	\$6,982.00	7.00	\$465.00
	15	ILC2 Upper x 1			
		ILC1 Upper x 2			
		ILC3 Upper x 3			
		ILC2 Lower x 7			
Leadership		EL2 x 1	\$2,310.00	14.00	\$1,155.00
	2	ILC3 Upper x 1			

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	SES x 2	\$16,416.00	5.00	\$382.00		
43	EL1 x 7					
	EL2 x 2					
	ILC1 Lower x 1					
	ILC 2 Lower x 8					
	ILC 2 Upper x 4					
	ILC 3 Upper x 19					
	ILC1 Lower x 1	\$23,179.00	7.00	\$1,220.00		
19	ILC 2 Lower x 1					
	ILC 3 Lower x 2					
	ILC3 Upper x 13					
	EL1 x 2					
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Developing as part of succession plans for future leaders

To ensure knowledge is maintained and enhanced

To ensure up to date knowledge is maintained in line with legislation

Leadership

Program Management

OH&S

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Central Land Council

Training Category/Course (includes in-house and external courses and tertiary studies)	No of participants	Classifications of participants	Total cost of training (GST excl)	Average hours per participant spent at training	Average cost per participant (GST excl)
COMMUNICATION & WRITING	36	staff	\$16,320.00	29.58	\$453.00
EVENTS, SEMINARS & CONFERENCES	20		\$13,288.00	24.00	\$664.00
IT SYSTEMS TRAINING & RECORDS MGNT	13		\$6,680.00	12.12	\$514.00
LEADERSHIP	3		\$6,438.00	50.00	\$2,146.00
NEW STARTERS	79		\$19,745.00	13.77	\$250.00
OH&S	73		\$10,507.00	8.32	\$144.00
PEOPLE MANAGEMENT	6		\$5,370.00	20.00	\$895.00
POLICY DEVELOPMENT	3		\$4,150.00	27.50	\$1,383.00
PROJECT MANAGEMENT	44		\$18,440.00	18.41	\$419.00
DIVERSITY	1		\$0	7.50	\$0
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND BUDGETING	3		\$3,985.00	47.50	\$1,328.00
GOVERNANCE, RISK AND COMPLIANCE	15		\$450.00	7.50	\$30.00
CONTRACT MANAGEMENT	2		\$0	22.50	\$0
Total	298		\$105,373.00	22	\$354.00

Reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the agency

Training is provided to build skills and knowledge and develop the overall capability of staff in the agency to meet strategic objectives.

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TORRES STRAIT REGIONAL AUTHORITY

TORRES STRAIT REGIONAL ACTITORITY		l			
Training Category/Course (includes in-house and external courses and tertiary studies)	No of participants	Classifications of participants	Total cost of training (GST excl)	Average hours per participant spent at training	Average cost per participant (GST excl)
Certificate IV in Business Administration - 1st block, Cairns	1	APS4	\$0	37.5	\$0
Probity in Procurement	21	APS4	\$0	7.5	\$0
Certificate IV in Business Administration - 2nd block, Cairns	1	APS4	\$0	37.5	\$0
Certificate IV in Business Administration - 3rd block, Cairns	1	APS4	\$0	37.5	\$0
Certificate IV in Business Administration - 4th Block	1	APS4	\$0	37.5	\$0
Community Engagement in Rural and Regional Service Delivery	1	APS5	\$2,399.00	Information not provided	\$2,399.00
Project & Program Management Workshop 3 & 4	17	APS5-EL2	\$3,315.00	7.5	\$195.00
Project & Program Management Workshop 5 & 6	10	APS5-EL2	\$3,315.00	7.5	\$332.00
Aurora Legal Master Class Training, Sydney	4	APS6- EL2	\$5,567.00	Information not provided	\$1,392.00
HR eRecruitment training	9	APS1-EL2	\$3,871.00	4	\$430.00
Executive Leadership Course Residential	1	EL2	\$4,690.00	Information	\$4,690.00

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				not provided	
				Information	
Master of Fisheries	1	APS6	\$2,500.00	not provided	\$2,500.00
GMS & CDEP Manager training, Canberra	1	EL1	\$1,843.00	15	\$1,843.00
Contract Law Fundamental, Brisbane	1	APS6	\$10,690.00	Information not provided	\$10,690.00
Comsuper Training, Brisbane	1	APS5	\$938.00	Information not provided	\$938.00
Indigenous Career Trek – Career Management Workshop	8	APS2-6	\$0	15	\$0
APSC Leading Across Bundries SES Band 2 Residential	1	SES Equivalent	\$7,591.00	Information not provided	\$7,591.00
Frontier Software Conference	2	APS5	\$5,559.00	Information not provided	\$2,780.00
Frontier Training, Thursday Island	4	APS4-5	\$3,096.00	7.5	\$774.00
Leadership	1	APS1-EL2	\$1,886.00	Information not provided	\$1,886.00
Coxswain	4	APS1-EL2	\$10,036.00	Information not provided	\$2,509.00
GPS I – Tracker	10	APS1-EL2	\$11,591.00	Information not provided	\$1,159.00
Fire Training	14	APS1-EL2	\$23,889.00	Information not provided	\$1,706.00
Trailer Towing & Quad Bike Operations	12	APS1-EL2	\$18,187.00	Information not provided	\$1,516.00
Vessel Induction	24	APS1-EL2	\$114,993.00	Information	\$4,791.00

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				not provided	
				Information	
First Aid Training	2	APS1-EL2	\$2,063.00	not provided	\$1,032.00
Complete GMS Training	14	APS1-EL2	\$0	15	\$0
Advance GMS refresher	8	APS1-EL2	\$0	7.5	\$0
eRecruitment Training	17	APS1-EL2	\$3,248.00	3	\$191.00
Essential Writing	1	APS4	\$635.00	7.5	\$635.00
Strategic Thinking	1	APS4	\$635.00	7.5	\$635.00
CDEP Manager Training	1	APS6	\$1,370.00	22.5	\$1,370.00
				Information	
Masters in Business Administration	1	EL1	\$1,860.00	not provided	\$1,860.00
				Information	
Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Arts Mgt –	1	APS5	\$3,848.00	not provided	\$3,848.00
Total	197		\$249,615.00	16	\$1,267.00

NORTHERN LAND COUNCIL

For the FYTD (1 July 2011 to 20 June 2012), the Northern Land Council has incurred expenditure totalling \$85,246 on learning and development Activities. No other information was provided.

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Training Category/Course	No of	Classifications of	Total cost of	Average hours	Average cost per
(includes in-house and external courses and tertiary studies)	participants	participants	training (GST excl)	per participant spent at training	participant (GST excl)
NIL	0		0	0	0
Total	0				

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INDIGENOUS BUSINESS AUSTRALIA

For the FYTD (1 July 2011 to 20 June 2012) IBA's aggregated study assistance and learning and development (training courses) expenditure has been \$273,590. This figure does not include on the job development opportunities which generally constitutes a significant majority of employees' learning (estimated to be in the order of 70 per cent).

Learning and development activities conducted by IBA focus on improving the key business, management and leadership skills of staff. These activities included:

- Induction training
- OH&S training
- Cultural awareness training
- Manager and supervisory training
- Program delivery skilling and training
- IT training, and
- Coaching.

IBA also supported staff in their studies ranging from certificate level through to tertiary and post graduate studies.

IBA's data sets are not directly aligned to the requested data and to provide the additional level of detail requested will divert limited resources from the service delivery of client outcomes.