

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

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Question: BET 1083-1084

Topic: Education Expenses (CGC)

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

1083. What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? Please provide details.
1084. 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:

1083. The *Commonwealth Grants Commission Enterprise Agreement 2012 – 2014*, clause E11 to E16 provides assistance to staff undertaking formal study in fields linked to the CGC corporate goals. Assistance can be in the form of time off work to attend classes during semester, financial assistance or a combination of both. The Secretary determines and approves assistance, and where financial assistance is approved reimbursement occurs upon successful completion of study units.
1084. In the 2011/12 financial year CGC provided study assistance to one APS5 staff member, details as follows:
- Graduate Diploma in Economics (ANU)
 - \$1194.40 – agreed contribution towards cost of course
 - 6 hours per week study leave during semester.
 - Benefits to the agency – improved quantitative analysis and mathematical reasoning.