

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Corporate**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000350**

Senator McKenzie, Bridget provided in writing.

***Costs incurred at Budget Estimates / Comments regarding the running of Budget Estimates***

**Question**

1. Could you please provide information about the cost (for example staff time, travel & accommodation) that your Agency/Department incurred as a result of being involved with the Budget Estimates hearing for the Employment and Education Committee?
2. Does your Agency/Department have any comments to make regarding the running of Budget Estimate hearings or suggestions on how it could be improved?

**Answer**

1. It is not possible to provide detail of costs for the staff time involved with the Budget Estimates hearing as no records are kept for this. Portfolio agencies located interstate incurred estimated costs of \$11,014 for airfares, taxi fares and accommodation for 11 employees to travel to Canberra to attend the hearing.
2. The department notes that it would be helpful to adhere to the timing outlined by the committee program for each outcome and agency.