

Question: 91
Topic: Committee costs
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Senator CANAVAN asked:

Can you please provide a comparative listing of the costs and resources expended by each Senate Committee and each Joint Committee in the Parliament over the last financial year?

Answer

Information about the comparative costs for different categories of committees was provided to the Committee Secretary by the Clerk in her letter of 15 October 2014. The relevant figures for the 2013-14 financial year are reproduced below.

Due to the flexible approach of staff in the Committee Office and other areas of the department, it is not possible to provide specific figures broken down to each particular committee secretariat.

The department is not able to provide figures for joint committees supported by the Department of the House of Representatives.

Committee category	2013-14
Executive	
Employee expenses*	\$ 822,952
Administrative expenses^	\$ 41,541
Sub-total	\$ 864,493
Standing	
Employee expenses	\$ 4,143,561
Administrative expenses	\$ 263,927
Sub-total	\$ 4,407,488
Statutory	
Employee expenses	\$ 715,560
Administrative expenses	\$ 60,946
Sub-total	\$ 776,506
Select	
Employee expenses	\$ 253,201
Administrative expenses	\$ 23,391
Sub-total	\$ 276,592

Committee category	2013-14
Joint Select	
Employee expenses	\$ 125,875
Administrative expenses	\$ 20,200
Sub-total	\$ 146,075
Total	\$ 6,471,154

* Employee expenses include the salaries and oncosts of employees working within the secretariat.

^ Administrative expenses include advertising, catering for hearings, venue hire for hearings, travel, and printing.