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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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TOPIC: National Workforce Development Fund

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Cash

QUESTION No.: BI-91

1. What has been the total expenditure to date from the National Workforce Development Fund?
2. What are the top 10 courses funded?
3. What is the average cost of these courses?

ANSWER

1. As at 12 June 2012, \$158 million (GST exclusive) in Government funding has been committed through the National Workforce Development Fund (NWDF). This includes \$49 million in funding committed through the Critical Skills Investment Fund (CSIF) which is now incorporated under the NWDF.
2. and 3. The NWDF is in early stages of implementation. Details of the training undertaken will be collected on a quarterly basis. The top 10 courses and the average cost per learner under CSIF Funding Agreements are as follows:

Course	Average Cost (GST exclusive)
Certificate IV in Building and Construction (Building)	\$5,685
Certificate IV in Training and Assessment	\$4,060
Certificate IV in Occupational Health and Safety	\$7,360
Certificate III in Drilling Operations	\$4,280
Certificate II in Surface Extraction Operations	\$3,750
Certificate III in Underground Metalliferous Mining	\$715
Certificate II in Rail Infrastructure	\$4,425
Certificate II ESI - Vegetation Control	\$2,400
Certificate IV in Frontline Management	\$5,052
Diploma of Management	\$7,753