

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Stephens

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Question:

Is there a notional cap on the ad hoc (staff) training costs?

Answer:

There is no notional cap on the costs of ad hoc training available to Senators' and Members' staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*.

Paragraph 65.6 of the *Commonwealth Members of Parliament Staff Enterprise Agreement 2010-2012 Guidelines* provides that ad hoc training opportunities are subject to the support of the employing Senator or Member, and the prior approval of the Department of Finance and Deregulation. Approval is granted on a case by case basis.