

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

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Topic: Education Expenses

Asked By: Senator FIFIELD

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Please detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the cost and how many participants.

Answer: The Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government conducts a range of internal courses and information sessions at no cost to participants (eg on use of its systems and visiting speaker events). The Department currently has two staff undertaking tertiary studies, both staff are undertaking a Masters of Social Research for which the Department has paid \$4026 as of 31 May 2011. A total of 32 staff have undertaken external learning and development activities at a cost of \$38,587.04 as of 31 May 2011. These activities include forums, presentations, seminars and briefings.