

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

For 2011-12, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.

Answer:

The Department has spent a total of \$880,500 in 2011-12 on centrally coordinated training through the Capability Development Fund (CDF). The courses included core, mandatory, professional (technical) and leadership components which were delivered using outsourced providers, as well as in-house delivery to reduce costs. An additional \$307,338 was reimbursed to employees under the studies assistance scheme.

Studies assistance is beneficial to the Department as it encourages employees to continue their professional development and enhances their capability, therefore increasing the capability of the department.

The Department does not record capability development data in a way that would readily allow answers to be provided to the remainder of this question. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.