

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013**

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Australian Public Service Commission

**Outcome/Program:** Cross Portfolio

**Topic:** Education expenses

**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 total staff development cost for the APSC for 2011-12 was \$258,896 exclusive of GST. APSC staff attended a range of leadership, technical learning and development courses and programs aligned with their learning development plans. The APSC does not record education data in a way that would readily allow answers to be provided to these questions. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of the APSC's resources. For the 2011-12 financial year, the number of participants engaged in study by classification, and the leave granted to those employees is detailed below

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Number of participants</b>	<b>Study Leave granted (hrs)</b>
APS1	1	15.0
APS3	6	172.5
APS4	12	1323.0
APS5	24	301.5
APS6	33	4555.7
EL1	34	10624.0
EL2	6	5475.0
SESB1	1	22.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>22489.2</b>