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**Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**

Senator the Hon. Glenn Sterle  
 Chairman  
 Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee  
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Dear Senator Sterle

The department provided an incorrect answer to a question on notice following the additional Estimates hearing conducted by the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on 13 and 14 February 2012, which I would like to correct.

In response to Question on Notice 172 on all education expenses for each portfolio department and agency, the following answer was provided in regard to the year to date, general management training costs within the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation:

AGENCY	Number	Cost pp	Total cost
FRDC	50	\$1,042	\$23,729

The total figures for this table were as follows:

<b>Total</b>	<b>4206</b>	<b>\$1401</b>	<b>\$1,375,680</b>
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The correct response is:

AGENCY	Number	Cost pp	Total cost
FRDC	25	\$1,042	\$11,865

This correction to the FRDC figures changes the total figures for the table as follows:

<b>Total</b>	<b>4181</b>	<b>\$1401</b>	<b>\$1,363 816</b>
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I enclose a standalone copy of the corrected response.

Yours sincerely

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 2 July 2012

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee**

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**Question: 172**

**Division/Agency: People and Service Delivery**

**Topic: Education Expenses**

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**Senator Colbeck asked:**

1. For the year 2010-11, 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, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant.
2. For the FYTD, 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, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant.

**Answer:**

1. The department and portfolio agencies have spent a total of \$5 162 607 on in house courses and tertiary studies for the period 1 July 2010 – 30 June 2011. This cost is divided into general management education expenses to the value of \$3 064 235 and technical education expenses to the value of \$ 2 098 372. General management training was utilised by staff on 10 410 occasions. Technical training was utilised by staff on 12 762 occasions. The department and portfolio agencies provided 16 514 hours of study leave through studybank or similar programs.

The courses have been divided into two types:

- a) *General Management training* to enhance general public service skills, business acumen or leadership including capability development against the Integrated Leadership System.
- b) *Technical training* to enhance technical skills in a particular field of expertise.

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AGENCY	<i>General Management</i>			<i>Technical Training</i>		
	Number	Cost pp	Total cost	Number	Cost pp	Total cost
DAFF	9684	\$562	\$2 462 826	12 417	\$332	\$1 765 127
AFMA	328	\$1279	\$239 913	268	\$1311	\$233 017
APVMA	145	\$1093	\$110 333	59	\$1336	\$75 715
CRDC	11	\$822	\$11 221	-	-	-
FRDC	42	\$2820	\$38 451	-	-	-
GRDC	41	\$2167	\$85 533	1	\$177	\$177
GWRDC	12	\$2348	\$33 460	-	-	-
RIRDC	84	\$1003	\$31 077	15	\$1480	\$15 136
SRDC	1	\$1296	\$1296	-	-	-
WA	3	\$3000	\$9000	1	\$8000	\$8000
WEA	59	\$1026	\$41 125	1	\$1200	\$1200
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 410</b>	<b>\$1583</b>	<b>\$3 064 235</b>	<b>12 762</b>	<b>\$1977</b>	<b>\$2 098 372</b>

2. DAFF and portfolio agencies have spent a total of \$2 428 399 on in house courses and tertiary studies for the period 1 July 2011 – 31 January 2012. This cost is divided into general management education expenses to the value of \$1 363 816 and technical education expenses to the value of \$1 064 583. General management training was utilised by staff on 4181 occasions. Technical training was utilised by staff on 5641 occasions. The department and portfolio agencies provided 12 949 hours of study leave through studybank or similar programs.

The courses have been divided into two types:

- a) *General Management training* to enhance general public service skills, business acumen or leadership including capability development against the Integrated Leadership System.
- b) *Technical training* to enhance technical skills in a particular field of expertise.

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<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>General Management</b>			<b>Technical Training</b>		
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Cost pp<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Total cost</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Cost pp</b>	<b>Total cost</b>
DAFF	3898	\$567	\$1 192 900	5353	\$368	\$840 459
AFMA	185	\$754	\$56 763	117	\$1213	\$64 584
APVMA	42	\$1341	\$43 111	135	\$1177	\$128 978
CRDC	2	\$2883	\$5765	-	-	-
FRDC	25	\$1042	\$11 865	-	-	-
GRDC	9	\$1883	\$15 359	21	\$1099	\$19 435
GWRDC	-	-	-	-	-	-
RIRDC	11	\$1845	\$26 298	5	\$1132	\$5094
SRDC	2	\$470	\$940	2	\$1145	\$2289
WA	-	-	-	-	-	-
WEA	7	\$1820	\$10 815	8	\$650	\$3744
<b>Total</b>	<b>4181</b>	<b>\$1401</b>	<b>\$1 363 816</b>	<b>5641</b>	<b>\$969</b>	<b>\$1 064 583</b>