

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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To: Hon Lauren Moss

Portfolio: Education

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Subject: Cost of expanding services to support mental wellbeing as a consequence of COVID-19

QUESTION:

What was the total cost of expanding counselling services to support employees' mental wellbeing during COVID?

ANSWER:

The cost of the Employee Assistance Program between January and November 2020 was \$566 000, which is an increase of approximately \$150 000 when compared to the same period in 2019. As the details of the services are confidential, it is not possible to assess how many services are related directly to COVID-19.