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Survey of International Students' Spending in Australia

The University of Queensland Social Research Centre (UQSRC) is conducting this survey of international students' spending on behalf of the Australian Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST). The information you provide is very important for understanding how you help Australia when you visit to study. The information will be helpful to education planners and economists.

This survey is voluntary. Your responses are anonymous. Only students aged 16 years and over should complete this survey. The survey asks you about what you and members of your family living with you in Australia spend on a range of items. It will take you up to 30 minutes to complete this questionnaire. You can ask for help if you need to.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact UQSRC on 07 3346 9686 or email uqsrc.surveys@uq.edu.au.

By completing this questionnaire you are agreeing to participate in this study.

Thank you for your time.

INSTRUCTIONS

General instructions

- All questions are about **money spent within Australia**.
- All questions are about the **last 12 months**. If you arrived in Australia during the last 12 months, please answer for the months **since you arrived**.
- All questions should **include** money spent **by you and family members living with you in Australia**. *'Family members' can include your spouse, parents, children, brothers and sisters. Do not include your home stay family.*
- Please leave out the cents in the amounts that you give. *For example if you spent $51.35 on a gas bill, please write* ***$51.***
- If you are not sure of the exact amount, please **estimate**.
- If you did not spend any money on an item, please write $..***0***.. or tick the box for $0.

Instructions continue on the next page…

There are 3 ways to answer the questions in this survey:

1) Tick the box ☑ that shows your response
2) Answer in the space provided, for example: Aus $ ..***100***…
3) Complete the table – see the example below.

   NOTE: Some tables ask for two (2) responses (as in the example below):

   (i) the amount spent on the item, and

   (ii) the length of time the payment covers.

Example

Let's say that:

a) you usually spend $300 on 'food and groceries' <u>every two weeks</u> for you and family members living with you;

b) you usually spend $10 on 'meals and snacks' <u>each day</u>;

c) you pay approximately $25 for 'electricity' <u>every 3 months</u>;

d) you spent $625 to insure your motor vehicle for <u>one year (12 months)</u>

e) you spent $230 in total on vehicle maintenance;

f) you <u>did not</u> spend any money on 'computer software'.

(i) How much do you usually spend on the items below? *Only include items you have purchased <u>in Australia</u>. Please tick '$0' if you did not spend money on items.*

(ii) What length of time does each amount cover?

i) How much do you usually spend…?				ii) What length of time does each amount cover?							
Expenditure Item	**Aus $**	**$0**		1 day	1 week	2 weeks	1 month	2 months	3 months	Once only cost	**Other length of time (state)**
a) Food & groceries	$....**300**.	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☑	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	……8
b) Meals & snacks bought away from home	$....**10**....	☐	⇨	☑	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	……8
c) Electricity	$...**25**.	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☑	7☐	……8
d) Motor vehicle insurance	$...**625**..	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	…**12 months**
e) Vehicle maintenance	$...**230**	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☑	……8
f) Computer software *(programs etc)*	$.....	☑	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	……8

Let's begin!

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YOU AND YOUR COURSE

Q1. Are you …?

1 ☐ Male
2 ☐ Female

Q2. How old are you?

01 ☐ 15 years of age or under [Thank you. Please return the questionnaire to your supervisor]
02 ☐ 16 – 17 years
03 ☐ 18 - 19 years
04 ☐ 20 - 24 years
05 ☐ 25 - 29 years
06 ☐ 30 - 34 years
07 ☐ 35 - 39 years
08 ☐ 40 - 44 years
09 ☐ 45 - 49 years
10 ☐ 50 years and over

Q3. What is your home country?……..……

Q4. In what year did you arrive in Australia?

1 ☐ 2001
2 ☐ 2002
3 ☐ 2003
4 ☐ 2004
5 ☐ 2005
6 ☐ 2006
7 ☐ Other, please state year……

Q5. In what month did you arrive in Australia?

01 ☐ January
02 ☐ February
03 ☐ March
04 ☐ April
05 ☐ May
06 ☐ June
07 ☐ July
08 ☐ August
09 ☐ September
10 ☐ October
11 ☐ November
12 ☐ December

Q6. (i) What type of Visa do you have now?

1 ☐ Student visa
2 ☐ Tourist visa
3 ☐ Working Holiday visa
4 ☐ Other visa, please state …….....

(ii) For what length of time <u>in total</u> is your visa valid? *Please indicate if this is <u>weeks, months or years</u>.*

……..…….

Q7. Do you plan to stay in Australia after you finish your studies?

1 ☐ Yes
2 ☐ Maybe
3 ☐ No
4 ☐ Don't know

Q8. In what <u>year</u> did you start your English language studies in Australia?

1 ☐ 2001
2 ☐ 2002
3 ☐ 2003
4 ☐ 2004
5 ☐ 2005
6 ☐ 2006
7 ☐ Other, please state year……

Q9. In what <u>month</u> did you start your English language studies in Australia?

01 ☐ January
02 ☐ February
03 ☐ March
04 ☐ April
05 ☐ May
06 ☐ June
07 ☐ July
08 ☐ August
09 ☐ September
10 ☐ October
11 ☐ November
12 ☐ December

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Q10. **(i) In what city or town are you studying now?** ……..…….…….

(ii) What is the name of the institute or college where you study?

……..

Q11. **What is the total length of your English language course in weeks?**

1 ☐ 4 weeks
2 ☐ 8 weeks
3 ☐ 12 weeks
4 ☐ 24 weeks
5 ☐ 36 weeks
6 ☐ 48 weeks
7 ☐ Other, please state number of weeks ……

Q12. **i) How much are you paying for the English language course you are doing?** *If you don't know how much your course cost, please give your best estimate. Your teacher may be able to help you.*

Aus $ …….

ii) What length of time does this amount cover?

1 ☐ 4 weeks
2 ☐ 8 weeks
3 ☐ 12 weeks
4 ☐ 24 weeks
5 ☐ 36 weeks
6 ☐ 48 weeks
7 ☐ Other, please state number of weeks …….……

Q13. **Are you receiving a scholarship?**

1 ☐ Yes from my home country
2 ☐ Yes from an Australian source
3 ☐ Yes from somewhere else
4 ☐ No
5 ☐ Other, please state

…….....

Q14. **Do you plan to take another course in Australia after you complete this course?**

1 ☐ Yes
2 ☐ Maybe
3 ☐ No [Go to Question 16]
4 ☐ Don't know [Go to Question 16]

Q15. **In what area will that course be?**

1 ☐ High School (school curriculum)
2 ☐ ELICOS (English language courses)
3 ☐ Foundation studies/enabling course (preparing you for university studies)
4 ☐ VET/TAFE (vocational education, trade, professional certificate/diploma courses)
5 ☐ Higher Education (University, undergraduate, postgraduate studies, bachelor, masters, PhD)
6 ☐ Other, please state

….……...

Q16. **How much have you or family members living with you paid in Australia, over the last 12 months, to extend or change visas?** *Please write '0' if you did not spend money on visas.*

Aus $ …….

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FAMILY AND LIVING ARRANGEMENTS IN AUSTRALIA

'Family members' can include your spouse, parents, children, brothers and sisters, but does not include your home stay family

Q17. Are there any members of your family living with you in Australia?

1 ☐ Yes
2 ☐ No [Go to Question 20]

Q18. What members of your family are living with you in Australia?

1 ☐ None [Go to Question 20]
2 ☐ Spouse/partner only [Go to Question 20]
3 ☐ Spouse/partner and other family members
4 ☐ Other family members

Q19. How many of your children are living with you in Australia?

1 ☐ One
2 ☐ Two
3 ☐ Three or more
4 ☐ None

Q20. What type of accommodation are you living in now? *Choose one answer only.*

1 ☐ In home stay (with an Australian family)
2 ☐ In campus accommodation
3 ☐ In rental accommodation (flat, apartment, townhouse, house)
4 ☐ In a home you own (flat, apartment, townhouse, house)
5 ☐ In a home that belongs to a family member, friend, organization etc (flat, apartment, townhouse, house)
6 ☐ Other, please state ……

TRAVEL FROM AUSTRALIA TO OVERSEAS COUNTRIES

Q21. Have you and/or family members living with you in Australia travelled overseas from Australia within the last 12 months? *This might include travel for holidays, conferences or other purposes.*

1 ☐ Yes
2 ☐ No [Go to Question 26]

Q22. (i) How many family members, including you, travelled overseas from Australia?

Number …….

(ii) How many weeks did each person spend overseas from Australia? *Only provide information for the last 12 months, or if you have been in Australia for less than 12 months, only provide information for the months since you arrived.*

Family Member	Number of weeks spent overseas
a) You	…….
b) Family member 1	…….
c) Family member 2	…….
d) Family member 3	…….

Visitor	Number of weeks spent overseas
e) Family member 4	…….
f) Family member 5	…….
g) Family member 6	…….
h) Family member 7	…….

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Q23. How much did you and/or your family members spend in Australia on air tickets for this travel?

Aus $ …….

Q24. How much cash, in total, did you take with you out of Australia during the last 12 months?

Aus $ …….

Q25. How much of this money, in total, did you bring back to Australia?

Aus $ …….

TRAVEL WITHIN AUSTRALIA

Q26. Over the last 12 months, how much did you or your family members spend, in total, on travel within Australia? *For example, the cost of accommodation, transport (such as buses, airfares, taxis, hire cars), tours and entry to theme parks, etc. Only include items paid for in Australia.*

Aus $ …….

YOUR VISITORS FROM OVERSEAS

Q27. Have any of your family members and/or friends from overseas come to Australia to visit you in the last 12 months?

1 ☐ Yes
2 ☐ No [Go to Question 29]

Q28. How many weeks did each family member or friend (visitor) from overseas spend here in Australia?

Visitor	Number of weeks spent in Australia
a) Visitor 1	……..
b) Visitor 2	……..
c) Visitor 3	……..
d) Visitor 4	……..

Visitor	Number of weeks spent in Australia
e) Visitor 5	……..
f) Visitor 6	……..
g) Visitor 7	……..
h) Visitor 8	……..

MONEY SENT OVERSEAS

Q29. Did you send money overseas from Australia in the last 12 months?

1 ☐ Yes
2 ☐ No [Go to Question 31]

Q30. Apart from amounts you have already mentioned, how much money, in total, have you sent overseas from Australia? *Only provide information for the last 12 months, or if you have been in Australia for less than 12 months, for the time since you arrived.*

Aus $ …….

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GENERAL LIVING COSTS

Q31. (i) How much do you and family members living with you usually spend on items below? *Only include items you have purchased in Australia. Please tick '$0' if you do not spend money on an item.*

(ii) What length of time does each amount cover?

i) How much do you usually spend…?				ii) What length of time does each amount cover?							
Expenditure Item	**Aus $**	**$0**		1 day	1 week	2 weeks	1 month	2 months	3 months	Once only cost	**Other length of time (state)**
a) Food & groceries	$.....	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	 8
b) Meals & snacks bought away from home	$.....	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	 8
c) Toiletries & cosmetics	$.....	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	 8
d) Hairdressers & beauticians *(beauty salons)*	$.....	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	 8
e) Entertainment *(movies, sporting events, concerts, clubs, etc)*	$.....	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	 8
f) Alcoholic drinks *(wine, spirits, beer etc)*	$.....	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	 8
g) Books, newspapers & magazines *(for entertainment, not for your course)*	$.....	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	 8
h) Cigarettes & tobacco	$.....	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	 8
i) Lottery tickets & gambling *(poker machines, horse races, TAB, Lotto)*	$.....	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	 8
j) Postal charges *(postage stamps etc)*	$.....	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	 8
k) Public transport costs *(bus, train, taxi fares etc)*	$.....	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	 8
l) Childcare	$.....	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	 8

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Q32. (i) How much do you and your family members living with you usually spend on the household expenses below? *Only include items you have paid for in Australia. Do not include service connection fees. Please tick '$0' if you do not spend money on an item.*

(ii) What length of time does each amount cover?

i) How much do you usually spend…?				ii) What length of time does each amount cover?							
Expenditure Item	**Aus $**	**$0**		1 day	1 week	2 weeks	1 month	2 months	3 months	Once only cost	**Other length of time (state)**
a) Rent or board (including home stay)	$.....	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	 8
b) Home loan repayments	$.....	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	 8
c) Electricity	$.....	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	 8
d) Household gas	$.....	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	 8
e) Telephone (phone) cards	$.....	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	 8
f) Public telephone calls	$.....	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	 8
g) Mobile telephone	$.....	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	 8
h) Home telephone (landline)	$.....	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	 8
i) Internet usage	$.....	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	 8
j) Home content insurance	$.....	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	 8
k) Home insurance	$.....	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	 8

Q33. How much have you and family members living with you spent in total in the last 12 months on connecting the following services to your home? *Only include items you have paid for in Australia. Please tick '$0' if you did not spend money on connecting a service.*

Service Connected	**Total spent in Australia over last 12 months**	
	Aus $	**$0**
a) Home telephone connected	$.....	☐
b) Electricity connected	$.....	☐
c) Household gas connected	$.....	☐
d) Internet/Broadband connected	$.....	☐

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Q34. How much have you and family members living with you spent in total over the last 12 months on the items below? *Only include items paid for in Australia. If you have been in Australia for less than 12 months, only include the cost of items you have paid for since you arrived. Please tick '$0' if you did not spend money on an item.*

Expenditure Item	Total spent in Australia over last 12 months	
	Aus $	$0
a) Clothes and shoes	$.....	☐
b) Jewellery and watches	$.....	☐
c) Gifts	$.....	☐
d) Bags, suitcases and travel goods	$.....	☐
e) Recreational and sporting equipment, fees and memberships *(bike, camping gear, tennis racket, gym membership, court fees, etc)*	$.....	☐
f) Computer equipment *(hardware, printers etc)*	$.....	☐
g) Computer software *(programs, computer games etc)*	$.....	☐
h) Hire of household goods *(TV, fridge, washing machine, furniture, stereo etc)*	$.....	☐
i) Purchase of household goods *(TV, fridge, washing machine, furniture, stereo etc)*	$.....	☐

HEALTH CARE EXPENSES

Q35. (i) How much have you and family members living with you spent in total over the last 12 months on Australian health insurance? *This may include insurance from Medibank Private, OSHC Worldwide, BUPA Australia, Australian Health Management. Only include insurance you have paid for in Australia. Please write '0' if you did not spend money on health insurance.*

Total spent: Aus $ …….

(ii) What length of time does this insurance cover? .....

Q36. How much have you and family members living with you spent in total over the last 12 months on health costs not covered by health insurance? *For example, the cost of doctors, dentists, physiotherapists, glasses, orthotic and medications not covered by health insurance. Only include items you have paid for in Australia. Please write '0' if you did not spend money on these health costs.*

Total spent: Aus $ …….

PROPERTY OWNED IN AUSTRALIA

Q37. Do you own, or are you buying, a property (eg. house, unit, land) in Australia?

1 ☐ Yes
2 ☐ No [Go to Question 39]

Q38. (i) How much do you spend on rates?

Aus $ …….

(ii) What length of time does this amount cover?

1 ☐ 1 month
2 ☐ 3 months
3 ☐ 6 months
4 ☐ 1 year
5 ☐ Other, please state ……..

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MOTOR VEHICLES

'Motor vehicles' can include motorbikes, motor scooters, cars, trucks, 4WDs, etc.

Q39. How many motor vehicles do you and/or your spouse own or use in Australia?

1 ☐ None [Go to question 45]
2 ☐ One
3 ☐ Two
4 ☐ Three or more

Q40. How much did you and/or your spouse pay, in total over the last 12 months, to buy motor vehicles in Australia? *Please include the cost of registration. If you and/or your spouse bought a motor vehicle with someone else, only tell us how much you and your spouse paid. If you have not bought any motor vehicles, write '0'.*

Aus $ …….

Q41. How much did you and/or your spouse pay, in total over the last 12 months, to rent motor vehicles in Australia? *If you have been in Australia for less than 12 months, only include costs since you arrived. Please write '0' if you did not spend money renting motor vehicles.*

Aus $ …….

Q42. (i) How much did you spend on the items below? *Only include items you have paid for in Australia. Please tick '$0' if you did not spend money on an item.*

(ii) What length of time does each amount cover?

i) How much did you spend…?				ii) What length of time does each amount cover?							
Expenditure Item	**Aus $**	**$0**		1 week	2 weeks	1 month	2 months	6 months	12 months	Once only cost	**Other length of time (state)**
a) Registration for all motor vehicles	$.....	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	…… 8
b) Additional motor vehicle insurance *(eg. comprehensive)*	$.....	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	…… 8
c) Petrol *(fuel)*	$.....	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	…… 8
d) Vehicle maintenance *(repairs, services, parts etc)*	$.....	☐	⇨	1☐	2☐	3☐	4☐	5☐	6☐	7☐	…… 8

Q43. Do you plan to sell the motor vehicle/s when you leave Australia?

1 ☐ Yes
2 ☐ No [Go to Question 45]
3 ☐ Can't say [Go to Question 45]

Q44. Please estimate how much you would get, in total, for your motor vehicle/s when sold?

Aus $ …….

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COURSE AND SCHOOL EXPENSES

Q45. How much have you and family members living with you spent in total over the last 12 months on the items below? *Only include items you have paid for in Australia. Please tick '$0' if you do not spend money on an item.*

Expenditure Item	Total spent in Australia over last 12 months	
	Aus $	$0
a) Textbooks, books for the course	$.....	☐
b) Excursions	$.....	☐
c) Graduation expenses	$.....	☐
d) Library fines	$.....	☐
e) Newspapers, magazines for your course	$.....	☐
f) Photocopying, printing & fax *(facsimile)*	$.....	☐
g) Stationery *(pens, paper, printer cartridges etc.)*	$.....	☐
h) Personal tuition/extra coaching *(but not course fees)*	$.....	☐
i) Other general course expenses not already stated	$.....	☐
j) Children's school or course fees paid by you. *Only show the amount you actually contributed.*	$.....	☐

MAJOR EXPENSES NOT ALREADY STATED

Q46. (i) Please list below any major expenses you have had in Australia in the last 12 months that you have not already told us about *(for example, conference fees, freight charges, wedding expenses, memberships etc). Only include items paid for in Australia.*

(ii) Please indicate how much you have spent on these items in the last 12 months.

[If you had no other major expenses, please go to Question 47]

(i) Major expenses not already stated		ii) Amount spent in last 12 months (Aus $)
a)	⇨	……..
b)	⇨	……..
c)	⇨	……..
d)	⇨	……..
e)	⇨	……..
f)	⇨	……..
g)	⇨	……..
h)	⇨	……..

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INCOME RECEIVED IN AUSTRALIA

Q47. How much income, in total, have you received from jobs in Australia over the last 12 months?
Please write '0' if you did not receive income from a job in Australia.

Aus $ …….

Q48. How much income, in total, have you received from other sources in Australia over the last 12 months? *'Other source' could be a business you own or a partnership; rent from property investments; dividends or interest earned in Australia. Please write '0' if you did not receive income from any other sources in Australia.*

Aus $ …….

This is the end of the questionnaire.
Thank you very much for your help.

Please return your completed questionnaire to:
Your Teacher

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