

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Innovation and Science Portfolio
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Australian Astronomical Observatory - operations

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: BI-97

1. What is the current administered and departmental funding profile for the AAO?
2. How many staff are employed by the AAO
3. How many staff are located at Coonabarabran?
4. How many staff are located in Sydney?
5. How many staff are located in Canberra?

ANSWER

1. The current funding profile for the Australian Astronomical Observatory (AAO) is:

Year	2016/17	2017/18
Administered funding	\$1,497,000	\$1,495,000
Departmental funding	\$10,644,000	\$10,857,000

2. The AAO currently employs 81 staff, including casual staff.
3. The AAO employs 25 staff, including casual staff, located at Coonabarabran, the site of the AAT.
4. The AAO employs 56 staff, including casual staff, located in North Ryde, Sydney.
5. There are no AAO staff located in Canberra.