

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

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1	Austrade	Wong	Australia/US Business Week	<p>Senator WONG: So they are joint events this year? Mr Barty: They are joint events this year. Senator WONG: So why was the decision made to make them joint events? Mr Barty: We are not conducting an Australian Business Week activity in 2017 so a decision was made that we would join the G'DAY events, not just for the January activities but also over the year. We just conducted a cybersecurity mission to San Francisco, for example. Senator WONG: Are you able to give me, on notice, a copy of the program for last year's and a copy of the program for this year's? Mr Barty: Yes, on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard page 73	27/04/17	
2	Austrade	Wong	G'Day USA	<p>Senator WONG: How much did it cost last year? Ms Adamson: Is this for the business week? Senator WONG: The business week. Mr Barty: I have the number. It is \$945,000. Senator WONG: Can you give me that disaggregated on notice? Mr Barty: Yes. Senator WONG: Is that venue, hire, catering and so forth? Mr Barty: Yes.</p>	Proof Hansard page 73	27/04/17	

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3	Austrade	Wong	G'Day USA – Ministerial	<p>Senator WONG: Is it not true that the reason there were two events was that Mr Robb and Ms Bishop both wanted their own event? Mr Barty: I do not know. Senator WONG: Secretary? Ms Adamson: I was not secretary at the time but I understand, given the importance of our relationship with the United States, there was always more than enough to support the full interest of two ministers widely engaged with companies and in support of public diplomacy and business interests. Senator WONG: But you had two different events which cost more. Ms Adamson: That is not unusual. Senator WONG: It cost more. If you think G'DAY USA is a good idea then the architecture that has been described this afternoon makes some sense. It does not make sense to have an entirely different event headed by a different minister. Anyway, you will take that on notice. I am putting that to you. You can do with it what you wish. Senator Brandis: What are you putting on notice? You have made an observation. Senator WONG: No, I am asking you to respond to that. Is not the real reason why there were two different events last year that both Ms Bishop and Mr Robb wanted separate events? Will you give me the disaggregated costs on notice? Mr Barty: Yes.</p>	Proof Hansard page 74	27/04/17	
4	Austrade	Gallacher	Landing Pads - salaries	<p>Senator GALLACHER: What do their salaries look like? Are they IT global salaries or are they just normal public sector type salaries? Mr Barty: Public sector salaries. Senator GALLACHER: What would be the average wage? You can take that on notice if you like. Mr Barty: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard page 122	27/04/17	

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5	Austrade	Gallacher	Landing Pads – Cabinet Sub Committee	<p>Senator GALLACHER: How did you select the sites? Is it self-evident that Berlin, San Francisco, Shanghai, Singapore and Tel Aviv are—</p> <p>Mr Barty: A cabinet subcommittee selected the sites.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Basically on advice from someone, or are they all experts in this space?</p> <p>Mr Barty: They were aware of what the opportunities were.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: A cabinet subcommittee. Can we get who was on that cabinet subcommittee?</p> <p>Mr Barty: It was led by Minister Pyne at the time. He was the minister for industry.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Perhaps, on notice, you could give us the other people who comprised the committee.</p> <p>Mr Barty: Sure.</p>	Proof Hansard page 122	27/04/17	

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6	Austrade	Gallacher	Landing Pads – annual cost	<p>Senator GALLACHER: What would be the annual cost of a landing pad? Obviously, you have disparate regions, so presumably they are all different?</p> <p>Mr Barty: We have an average of about \$400,000 per site.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Where would be the most expensive one?</p> <p>Mr Barty: We average it out. I would have to take it on notice as to what the most expensive is.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Perhaps you could take on notice the average annual cost of each landing pad.</p> <p>Mr Barty: That includes the employee of course.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Yes. So there is the average annual cost of each landing pad. What is the occupancy rate? How do you measure that?</p> <p>Mr Barty: We procure what was referred to as a number of seats, or a number of desks, over a period of time and then we make those seats available. The occupancy is determined by how many of those seats are fully occupied over the period of time.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: On notice: average cost of each landing pad, occupancy rate, the most expensive, and the most efficient or least expensive. Do we spend money on marketing any of these things, or are people just supposed to know they exist?</p> <p>Mr Barty: We spend some money on marketing and making people aware of what the opportunity is so that when there is an opportunity they can apply and nominate themselves to participate in a landing pad.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Do you happen to know how much money we spend marketing?</p> <p>Mr Barty: Not exactly, but it is included in the \$400,000.</p>	Proof Hansard page 123	27/04/17	
7	Austrade	Gallacher	Landing Pads - companies	<p>CHAIR: Can you tell us on notice how long each one has been operating, and what the levels of occupancy are for each of them?</p> <p>Mr Barty: Yes.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Do we keep a list of the companies that go through the start-up program?</p> <p>Mr Barty: Yes, we do.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Is that published? Can you provide it?</p> <p>Mr Barty: We can provide it.</p>	Proof Hansard page 123	27/04/17	

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8	Austrade	Singh	Tourism funding for Tasmania	<p>Senator SINGH: Who made the decision to finally sign the partnership? Ms Madden: It was finalised in December. As I mentioned, and it was confirmed by our minister, Austrade—my agency—will be responsible for delivery of this. We have discussed, since the outset, with the Tasmanian government the mode for delivering the project. Austrade does not have an existing program through which this funding can be delivered, so there has been some need for discussions with the Tasmanian government. It is, in fact, the Tasmanian government, who are under the partnership agreement, finalising the implementation of the plan.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: But it was Minister Ciobo who advised you in December—is that correct? Is he the one who made the decision?</p> <p>Senator McGrath: I think it might have been the Prime Minister, actually, who referred the delivery to Austrade. I think it was part of our election commitment, but I will take that on notice just to be certain. That is probably the best thing to do.</p>	Proof Hansard page 125	27/04/17	
9	Austrade	Gallacher	Export Awards - staffing	<p>Senator GALLACHER: Do you know what the salary of the highest paid official in the communication department is?</p> <p>Mr Nichles: I will take that on notice, but the highest—</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: It's not you, is it?</p> <p>Mr Nichles: No. It is one of my staff and, in the Austrade parlance, they are an APL4. I am not sure what the equivalent is in the APS.</p>	Proof Hansard page 126	27/04/17	

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10	Austrade	Gallacher	Non-tariff barriers	<p>Senator GALLACHER: It seems to be going in a circle. Do you have a paper that you can provide the committee on notice about what Austrade do in terms of nontariff barriers?</p> <p>Mr Barty: Only in the context that we present information that is provided to us by our customers or by industry associations to the appropriate agencies.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Do you collect information about the number of people who register?</p> <p>Mr Barty: We do not individually action, as an agency, matters about regulations and nontariff barriers.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: So no-one collect information. If you have a hundred customers ring up and say, 'I cannot get my blueberries into China,' you do not actually say—</p> <p>Mr Barty: We do. We have industry teams within Austrade that collect that information and pass it on to the appropriate—</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Perhaps I could put it to you on notice: what does Austrade do with an industry sector that is presented with a nontariff barrier?</p> <p>Mr Barty: We will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: And could you give us some indication of how you record such instances. You are only going to pick up trends if you get 10 inquiries about the same issue. I think this is a really important issue and, based on the first cut of the evidence that we are getting here, I cannot see that there is a coordinated approach; there may well be, but I cannot see it. DFAT said it depends on the sector and depends on whether it goes to Agriculture or Austrade. I am just trying to get a picture. If these issues are presenting themselves—if we cannot get the best blueberries in the world into China, and our very successful vitamins export faces an impediment, I would like to know who is counting the problems we have and who is allocated to work for the resolution of them, because we could undo a lot of good work here.</p> <p>Senator McGrath: I think that is why the minister has asked Keith Pitt to take the lead as the assistant minister in terms of getting across what you are talking about.</p>	Proof Hansard page 128	27/04/17	

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11	Austrade	Brown	ASCOT—the Australian Standing Committee on Tourism	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: ... Absolutely. Without having to go into too much detail, because we only have 25 minutes left to us, are you able to table or provide a snapshot of some of the strategies that you are undertaking?</p> <p>Mr Boyer: I would have to take it on notice, only because I would need to have a conversation with the industry chair of that group to make sure that they are comfortable releasing some of the documents that we have put together.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Sure, but with some of the ones that you have already talked about.</p> <p>Mr Boyer: Yes, absolutely. I am happy, on notice, to provide some details around tourism employment plans in particular.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Those employment plans obviously also involve an investment in skills and training?</p> <p>Mr Boyer: Yes. It is more about developing a plan for a particular region that responds to local needs and business needs, but also employment needs and skills needs and bringing all of the relevant players around the table and then finalising a report. We are currently evaluating that program as we speak and hopefully we will have a document to help with that evaluation in the coming months.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Would that be a public document?</p> <p>Mr Boyer: Subject to the minister's decision to release, and also, because it is a partnership with the state and territory governments, it is subject to the state and territory governments agreeing to release.</p>	Proof Hansard page 138	27/04/17	
12	Austrade	Brown	Tourism strategy post 2020	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Without giving you a wide-ranging request, whatever you could provide on notice in terms of employment strategies would be quite helpful. Will there be a new tourism strategy post 2020?</p>	Proof Hansard page 138	27/04/17	
13	Austrade	Brown	Australia China Year of Tourism	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Ms Madden, you do not have a budget at all on the Australia-China Year of Tourism.</p> <p>Ms Madden: No, as I said—</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: I know you said it is going to be met from the existing budget, but can you provide me a breakdown of the costs thus far?</p> <p>Ms Madden: I could take that on notice. I do have some costs that we have met. For example, for some of the events associated with the guests of government visit by the chairman and reception for industry, I have the budget for that. I am happy to provide some budget figures on notice to you.</p>	Proof Hansard page 140	27/04/17	

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14	Austrade	Gallacher	Garden service	Does any office use a garden service for indoor or outdoor pot plants/flowers maintenance? a. Who are the contracts with? b. How much does each contract cost? c. How often do they visit?	Written	27/04/17	
15	Austrade	Gallacher	Floral displays	Have any floral displays or indoor plants or pot plants been hired or leased for display in any offices? a. Who were the contracts with? b. How much was each contract cost?	Written	27/04/17	
16	Austrade	Gallacher	Online subscriptions	What was the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals from 1 January 2016? a. What are these services / newspapers / magazines / journals / periodicals?	Written	27/04/17	
17	Austrade	Gallacher	Gifts	What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by the department since 1 January 2016? a. What were the gifts purchased? • Who were they gifted to?	Written	27/04/17	
18	Austrade	Gallacher	Bottled chair	Do you purchase bottled water or provide coolers for your department? a. What is the monthly cost of this?	Written	27/04/17	
19	Austrade	Gallacher	Fruit	Do you provide fruit for your department? a. What is the monthly cost of this?	Written	27/04/17	
20	Austrade	Gallacher	Vehicle hire	What is the total bill for your department since 1 January 2016: a. Taxi hire b. Limousine hire c. Private hire care d. Hire car rental e. Ridesharing services	Written	27/04/17	
21	Austrade	Gallacher	Media staff	How many media or public relations advisers are employed in the department?	Written	27/04/17	
22	Austrade	Gallacher	Media and public relations advisers	What is the forecast for the current financial year for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?	Written	27/04/17	

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23	Austrade	Gallacher	Media monitoring	What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Department?	Written	27/04/17	
24	Austrade	Gallacher	Facebook	How much did your department spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2015-16?	Written	27/04/17	
25	Austrade	Gallacher	Legal costs	How much has the Department spend in legal costs since 1 January 2016? a. For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?	Written	27/04/17	
26	Austrade	Gallacher	Consultants	Has the Department engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice since 1 January 2016? a. Social media • And the cost of these services b. Photography • And the cost of these services c. Acting training • And the cost of these services d. Ergonomics • And the cost of these services.	Written	27/04/17	
27	Austrade	Gallacher	Redundancies – paid work	Have any staff who received a redundancy from the Department in the last two years undertaken any paid work or provided any paid services for the Department? a. What was the nature of these works/services? b. What was the total cost of these works or services?	Written	27/04/17	
28	Austrade	Gallacher	Redundancies	How many redundancies were processed by the Department since 1 January 2016? a. Of these redundancies, how many were: • Voluntary? • Forced? b. What was the total cost of all redundancies?	Written	27/04/17	
29	Austrade	Gallacher	iTunes account	Does the department have an iTunes account? a. What is the total expenditure since 2016 on iTunes? • What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes?	Written	27/04/17	

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30	Austrade	Gallacher	Android account	Does the department have an Android account? a. What was the total expenditure in 2015-16 on Android? b. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through Android?	Written	27/04/17	
31	Austrade	Gallacher	Domain names	What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by the department this year?	Written	27/04/17	
32	Austrade	Gallacher	Tea, coffee milk costs	How much is spent on tea/coffee/milk for staff?	Written	27/04/17	
33	Austrade	Gallacher	Coffee machines	Does any office have coffee machines? a. How many? b. What was their purchase cost? c. What is their maintenance cost? d. Who has access to them?	Written	27/04/17	
34	Austrade	Gallacher	Mobile phones	How many mobile phones are given to staff? a. How many new mobile phones in the last year? b. What is the total cost of these phones? c. How many had to be replaced due to damage? d. How many were reported as lost?	Written	27/04/17	
35	Austrade	Gallacher	Tablet devices	How many tablets are given to staff? a. How many new tablets in the last year? b. What is the total cost of these tablets? c. How many had to be replaced due to damage? d. How many were reported as lost?	Written	27/04/17	
36	Austrade	Gallacher	Smart phone and tablet	How many people have both a smart phone and a tablet? a. What is the lowest ranked official who has both a work smart phone and tablet?	Written	27/04/17	
37	Austrade	Gallacher	Overspend on phones and tablets	How many staff overspent on their phone or tablet data bill? a. By how much? b. What was the average cost of data bills for tablets and mobile phones? c. What was the highest monthly cost?	Written	27/04/17	
38	Austrade	Gallacher	Stationery costs	What was the annual cost of stationary?	Written	27/04/17	

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39	Austrade	Gallacher	Paper brand	What brand of paper does the Department use? a. Is this paper Australian made?	Written	27/04/17	
40	Austrade	Gallacher	Building refurbishments	Were any refurbishments on office buildings carried out in the last year? a. What were they? b. What was the cost?	Written	27/04/17	
41	Austrade	Gallacher	Internal fitouts/ maintenance	Were any internal fitouts/maintenance carried out on office buildings in the last year? a. What was the cost?	Written	27/04/17	
42	Austrade	Gallacher	Functions	How many functions did the Department cater for since 1 January 2016? a. List of functions, b. List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs; e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; g. Details of any spirits served including brand and vintage; h. Details of any floral arrangements or other decorations; and i. Details of any entertainment provided.	Written	27/04/17	
43	Austrade	Gallacher	Appointments and vacancies	Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the department, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.	Written	27/04/17	
44	Austrade	Gallacher	Media monitoring contracts	How much has the Department spent on media monitoring since 1 January 2016? a. Please provide a list of all Contact Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to media monitoring contracts.	Written	27/04/17	
45	Austrade	Gallacher	Advertising and information campaigns	How much has the Department spent on advertising and information campaigns since 1 January 2016? a. Please provide a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to advertising and information campaign contracts please be provided.	Written	27/04/17	
46	Austrade	Gallacher	Fraud	Were any members of your department charged with fraud? a. How many staff members? b. What disciplinary action was taken?	Written	27/04/17	

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47	Austrade	Gallacher	Contracts	Has the Department undertaken / contracted any market research in the last 12 months? a. With whom? b. For what? c. What was the value of the contract?	Written	27/04/17	
48	Austrade	Gallacher	Non-tariff barrier staff	Non-tariff barrier staff a. Are staff charged with maximising the benefit of the entire FTA, multiple industries or just one industry? b. Is the performance of these staff members measured? c. How is their performance measured? d. What action does the Department take if trade in a particular industry has negative growth?	Written	27/04/17	
49	Austrade	Gallacher	Chinese controls	Chinese controls of surging capital flows a. How will the Chinese Government's recent changes to capital flows affect the Australian economy? b. What has been done by the Department and Government to mitigate these effects?	Written	27/04/17	
50	Austrade	Gallacher	Business missions	a. Is it true that for some Austrade international trade missions, businesses are only getting 6 weeks' notice? b. What is the normal notice time given for trade missions? c. Can Austrade provide the details of trade missions and notice given to businesses since January 2014? d. Have businesses complained about this? Please provide the number and breakdown of complaints by trade mission. e. Isn't it true that many businesses are unable to drop everything with so little notice? f. Is it true that the reason for the delay has been that the minister has been unable to confirm his attendance until 6 weeks beforehand?	Written	27/04/17	

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51	Austrade	Brown	Funding Programs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In answers provided to QON from the October 2016 Estimates, Austrade said it administered three discretionary grant programs. Of these, the ABE Plan will see its last grant concluded in late 2017, the FTA-TP Grant has no further grant rounds, and the ATMC Grants Program has had its allocated funding fully committed. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Will Austrade administer any other discretionary grant programs? b. Have these grant programs received any additional funding? 2. Can the following updates be provided for each discretionary grant program in the portfolio, including any new grant programs if applicable: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. name of the discretionary grant program; b. total funding on a year-by-year basis over the current forward estimates; c. committed funding on a year-by-year basis over the current forward estimates; d. contracted funding on a year-by-year basis over the current forward estimates; e. uncommitted funding on a year-by-year basis over the current forward estimates; f. when the current round of funding is scheduled to cease; and g. how many rounds of funding are scheduled after the end of the current round. 	Written	27/04/17	

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52	Austrade	Brown	Tourism Demand Driver Infrastructure Fund	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As at 7 November 2016, 127 projects have been approved by the Federal Government. Can you provide an update on how many projects have been approved since then? 2. Please list each project with project name, proponent, address, state, federal electorate, project description, commonwealth contribution, details of any other funding including source, total project cost, number of jobs expected to be created during and post construction, date of approval, date of public announcement, expected project start date, whether commenced, and expected completion date or completion date, details of any openings or events attended by the minister with date, title of event, location of event, attendee list and copies or links to all media coverage including newspaper articles. Please also provide a link to relevant ministerial media release eg joint release with state minister, local MP. 3. What is the total expenditure to date for this program. 4. How much funding remains unallocated. Please provide a breakdown by state. 5. Have any public transport projects been funded under this program? 6. Have any accommodation operators been funded under this program? If so, please list by state, proponent, name of project, value of grant, nature of grant (ie what will funding be spent on within the project) 	Written	27/04/17	
53	Austrade	Brown	Australia Week Events/Indonesia Australia Business Week	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 When will the next Australia Week be held? 2 Can Austrade provide an update on the forward events schedule for all planned Australia Week events across the forward estimates? 3 What are the expected outcomes for the Indonesia Australia Business Week? 4 How will it improve tourism opportunities in Australia? 	Written	27/04/17	
54	Austrade	Brown	Tourism Refund Scheme	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have discussions regarding the TRS progressed since last estimates? Please provide a full update. 2. Has Austrade met with any further stakeholders or third parties in relation to the TRS since last estimates? If so please list meetings with names, dates, time, location, agenda and minutes. 	Written	27/04/17	
55	Austrade	Brown	Stakeholder Meetings	Which tourism stakeholders has Austrade met with since last estimates? Please list meeting date, company/organisation, nature of meeting and topics discussed.	Written	27/04/17	

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56	Austrade	Brown	Tourism Research Australia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many FTE staff are employed at TRA? Please provide a list by role, level, function, section. 2. Please provide an organisational chart 3. Who is the current Chair of TRA? 	Written	27/04/17	
57	Austrade	Brown	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many FTE staff are employed in the Tourism Division of Austrade? Please provide a list by role, level, function, section. 2. Please provide a list of all staffing changes including overall numbers, date, reason since the October Estimates. 3. Please provide an organisational chart. 	Written	27/04/17	
58	Austrade	Brown	Research	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please detail the forward publishing schedule for all research and survey publications in 2017 including Tourism Research Australia. 2. Have there been any changes to the expected publication schedules since last estimates? 3. If yes, please detail with original expected publication date and actual publication date. 4. Does Austrade or Tourism Australia anticipate any additional delays to publications over the next year aside from those detailed in last estimates answers? If so, please detail publication, reason, and expected length of delay. 	Written	27/04/17	
59	Austrade	Brown	Tourism Research Advisory Board	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What equivalent, if any, exists for the Tourism Research Advisory Board, which was wound up in May 2016? 2. On what other, if any, occasions do the following prior members of the TRAB meet collectively to discuss research and growing tourism in Australia: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Austrade b. Tourism Research Australia c. Tourism Australia d. Australian Bureau of Statistics e. State tourism organisations f. Tourism industry organisations g. Academia h. Private sector representatives 3. Who is now responsible for providing the Government with 'high-level leadership and oversight of research related to the Australian tourism industry'? 	Written	27/04/17	

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60	Austrade	Brown	Australian Standing Committee on Tourism (ASCOT)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who attended the last meeting of ASCOT? What date was this held? 2. What was discussed? 3. What were the outcomes? 4. Have there been any changes to membership since the last estimates? 5. What progress was made in terms of developing a definition of regional dispersal, and analysing regional dispersal by key markets, as indicated in answers to QON from last Estimates? 6. Has a Terms of Reference for a review of Tourism 2020 been developed, as indicated in answers to QON from last Estimates? 7. When will the next meeting be? Please provide forward schedule of meetings. 	Written	27/04/17	
61	Austrade	Brown	Tourism Major Project Facilitation service	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many projects currently being facilitated? What progress has been made since last estimates? 2. How many of these projects are under now construction? 3. Please provide detailed updates on the status of all projects utilising the service including project name, proponent name, value of project, expected start and completion date and funding partners. 	Written	27/04/17	
62	Austrade	Brown	Tourism Research Committee (TRC)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When was the last committee meeting? What actions have been taken as a result? 2. Please detail any changes to membership since the last estimates? 3. Please provide the forward schedule of meetings for 2017. 	Written	27/04/17	
63	Austrade	Brown	Incoming ministerial briefing	Has Minister Ciobo visited the offices of Austrade, Tourism Australia or Tourism Research Australia since the last Estimates? If yes, what dates and what was the nature of the visits?	Written	27/04/17	

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64	Austrade	Brown	Tourism 2020	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The most recent State of the Industry Report released in February, indicates that while there was a positive growth (1.2 per cent) for the employment target, it has only reached 27 per cent of its overall target. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Has this figure been updated since the report was released? b. What strategies, including employment plans, are in place to assist with meeting this target? c. Has there been any communication with other departments about encouraging jobs growth in this field? d. Will this target be reached by 2020? e. What collaboration with industry has occurred to ensure all Tourism 2020 targets are met? 2. What will the process be for developing the next stage of the tourism strategy post 2020? 3. What lessons have been learned from Tourism 2020 that will assist in developing the next stage of the strategy? 	Written	27/04/17	
65	Austrade	Brown	Regional Dispersal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Minister requested a briefing on regional dispersal? Has he provided any direction to Austrade on possible ways to grow regional tourism? 2. The communique from the October Tourism Ministers Meeting states: 'Regional Tourism Infrastructure Investment Attraction Strategy – Ministers agreed to support a Regional Tourism Infrastructure Investment Attraction Strategy that has been developed to attract foreign direct investment'. What steps have been taken to progress this? 3. What, if any, cross-department communication has occurred to discuss infrastructure investment to support regional tourism? 	Written	27/04/17	
66	Austrade	Brown	Tourism Access Working Group	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What role has the TAWG played in advancing the objectives of Tourism 2020? 2. What involvement will it have in developing and advancing the objectives of the next stage post 2020? 3. The AusTrade website lists some achievements of TAWG- all three of these (the Mapping Paper, the Regional Airports report and the Trans-Tasman project report) were completed during the term of the former Labor Government. What are some of TAWG's more recent achievements? 4. The TAWG membership is composed of serious stakeholders who play a dominant role in the tourism industry in Australia. What avenues exist to pursue recommendations put forward by the members? 5. Could you provide the forward meeting schedule for 2017? 	Written	27/04/17	

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67	Austrade	Brown	Government expenditure on tourism	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What, if any, mechanism is in place to avoid duplication of spending in tourism by the different levels of government? 2. Do you know how much local governments spend on tourism? If so, what is this figure? 3. Do you know how much state and territory governments spend on tourism? If so, what is this figure? 4. Do you know when the joint report on local government spending in tourism will be released? 	Written	27/04/17	
68	Austrade	Brown	STA	<p>At the last Senate Estimates it was advised proof of concept had been received by the Minister and that it would be considered by Tourism Ministers at the Tourism Ministers Meeting on 24 February 2017.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is there a solution for the STA yet? If so, what is it? b. If yes, what is the time frame for delivery of the STA? When will it be published? c. If no, when can we expect an outcome? 	Written	27/04/17	
69	Austrade	Brown	Australian-China Year of Tourism	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much are both AusTrade and Tourism Australia spending on promoting the Australia-China Year of Tourism? 2. What is the overall budget? Can you provide a breakdown of costs for all events associated with the China-Australia Year of Tourism as well as promotions and marketing? 	Written	27/04/17	
70	Austrade	Brown	Growth in employment due to increased tourism numbers	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Obviously, as Mr O'Sullivan and you have indicated, there has been a substantial increase in international visitor numbers, an increase in domestic overnight visitors and an increase in total visitor spend, but there is that issue in terms of the growth in employment. That is what I want to have a chat about.</p> <p>Mr Boyer: Sorry, I am having trouble finding the right figures. I know that growth has been reasonably strong. After being flat at the beginning of the strategy we have seen an additional 28,000 jobs created over the last two program years from 2013-14 to 2015-16, from memory—if that figure is wrong, I will correct it on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard Page 137	27/04/17	

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71	Austrade	Brown	Tourism Demand Driver Infrastructure Fund – funding into regional areas	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Thank you. Do any funding programs exist to grow and encourage regional tourism specifically?</p> <p>Mr Boyer: Well, the Tourism Demand-Driver Infrastructure Program is our only source of funding. That is, like the Tasmanian tourism election commitments, a national partnership agreement between the Australian government and state and territory governments. States and territories under that program identify a range of projects that are meant to help improve infrastructure on the supply side around tourism. A lot of that funding—and I would have to take on notice exactly how much—is focused on regional areas. The process around TDDI is the assumption that states and territories know best which regions to invest that money in, and that tends to be the focus of it. But I will take on notice exactly what proportion goes into regional areas.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: How much money is in that?</p> <p>Mr Boyer: That is around \$43 million over four years.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: How much of that goes to the regions?</p> <p>Mr Boyer: That is what I have taken on notice.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: So you do not know that offhand?</p> <p>Mr Boyer: No, not the proportion.</p>	Proof Hansard Page 142	27/04/17	