

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates May 2017

**Department of Agriculture and Water Resources**

**Question Number:** 154

**Division/Agency:** Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation

**Topic:** Reduction of alumni ticket price

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**Senator BROWN asked:**

**Senator CAROL BROWN:** When was the decision made to reduce the alumni ticket price from \$180 to \$160? I think the original save-the-date email went out on 12 April.

**Mr Harvey:** I would need to take that on notice. My understanding is that it was very shortly after that email went out.

**Answer:**

The decision was made to reduce the Alumni ticket price from \$180 to \$160 on Tuesday, 18 April 2018.

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**Topic:** Reduction of ticket

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**Senator BROWN asked:**

**Senator BROWN:** I understand what you are saying, Mrs Hull, and you have said it a couple of times. There was some feedback as to why was this happening or we are not happy with it. Did you decide to reduce the cost of the ticket because you started having some negative feedback?

**Mr Harvey:** My understanding is we made that reduction before we got that feedback. I would need to check the actual dates, but my understanding is we made that call before we got the feedback.

**Mrs Hull:** That is my understanding, too. Certainly the decision was made before we got any feedback, because it was my understanding it would be \$160.

**Answer:**

No.

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**Department of Agriculture and Water Resources**

**Question Number:** 156

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**Topic:** Rural Women's Award

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**Senator BROWN asked:**

**Senator CAROL BROWN:** Anything could happen. Thirty-nine alumni attended last year. In your experience, Mr Harvey, what is the average number of alumni who attend? There are over 200 politicians, as you would well know, Mrs Hull. I do not know how many politicians attend.

**Senator Ruston:** With the greatest amount of respect, how much level of detail do you want to get in to running the affairs of—

**Senator CAROL BROWN:** If you want to come over here and answer the questions that is fine. I am happy to take your spot there.

**Senator Ruston:** I am not sure the government will be very happy to have you here—

**Senator CAROL BROWN:** I will ask the question. I think I have been asking them in quite a reasonable tone, so what is your problem?

**CHAIR:** We have some critical management issues to deal with here. Mrs Hull, are you in town tonight?

**Mrs Hull:** No, I am not.

**CHAIR:** What time do you have to depart?

**Mrs Hull:** It is only a 3½ drive for me.

**CHAIR:** As we know, senators can go forever if they choose, but I am going to have to interpose some of the other groups who have flight commitments. If we are only a few minutes off the end, I am happy to complete it, but if not I am going to have to interpose Landcare then Dairy Australia.

**Senator Ruston:** I am not sure what Mrs Hull's driving arrangements are tonight, but I would be a little bit loathed to be interposing anybody in front of her if she is driving by herself for three 3½ in the dark. I think that we should perhaps put a priority on her finishing before we bring anyone else on.

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**CHAIR:** We can do that, but the consequence of that is that we will immediately test our numbers—to let Landcare go and Dairy Australia go. We cannot be everything to all people. Is that your preference to have Mrs Hull continue for you?

**Senator CAROL BROWN:** I did not know Mrs Hull was driving home tonight. I am happy to complete my questions—

**Mrs Hull:** Sorry, what was that, Senator Brown?

**Senator CAROL BROWN:** I am lobbying on your behalf.

**Mrs Hull:** Thank you.

**Senator CAROL BROWN:** That was a legitimate question. I will let you take it on notice. I have finished.

**Answer:**

Over the last two years, the average number of members of the alumni that attend the event is 23.