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QUESTION No.4
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Senator O'Brien asked about:

Could you provide a broad overview of the Tourism White Paper research and statistics budget?

ANSWER

The Tourism White Paper provided \$21.5 million over four years – 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 – for expansion of tourism research and statistics. These funds are allocated as set out below.

Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources

Just over \$2m over the next four years for:

- strategic research, including research that will underpin the development of the National Tourism Investment Strategy.

Tourism Research Australia

Around \$16.2m over the next four years for:

- expansion of the National Visitor Survey and the International Visitor Survey;
- improvements in analytical research and information dissemination;
- the expansion of its forecasting capability over and above that previously available to the Tourism Forecasting Council; and
- initiatives to improve information needs in regional Australia.

Australian Bureau of Statistics

Around \$3.3m over the next four years for:

- expansion of the Survey of Tourist Accommodation; and
- production of the Australian Tourism Satellite Account.