

**Economics Legislation Committee
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Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio**

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O'Brien	Tourism Australia	16/2/05	<p>Senator O'BRIEN—Can you tell me where its staff are located and how many staff are in each area?</p> <p>Mr Hopwood—Do you want me to go through every country overseas or shall I just call Asia?</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—I would prefer the countries.</p> <p>Mr Hopwood—I will have to come back to you in relation to the specific countries</p>	E6	12/5/05	12/5/05	ITR 56
O'Brien	Tourism Australia	16/2/05	<p>Senator O'BRIEN—Is it possible to get a breakdown of the staffing levels—the number per level—for those under the EBA?</p> <p>Mr Hopwood—It is approximately 100—I can give you that.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—And which salary level they fit into.</p> <p>Mr Hopwood—By banding?</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Yes.</p> <p>Mr Hopwood—I cannot give it to you now but I can take it on notice.</p>	E7	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 1
O'Brien	Tourism Australia	16/2/05	<p>Senator O'BRIEN—Is there a breakdown within the division that matches activity? You have given us a range of activities the division is engaged on. Is there a breakdown within the division that sorts people within those areas of work activity?</p> <p>Ms Murphy—There is. We have sections in the division that focus on particular aspects of work. Each section has a notional staffing level, but it is fairly fluid depending on where the demands are. I can provide you with a breakdown. I do not think I have it section by section, but I can certainly provide that on notice.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—I would appreciate perhaps even graphically a description of how the division is structured, with some understanding of the staffing allocation within that structure.</p> <p>Ms Murphy—Certainly.</p>	E8	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 2

O'Brien	Tourism Australia	16/2/05	<p>Senator O'BRIEN—Who has the advertising contract for Australia at the moment?</p> <p>Mr Morrison—George Patterson Bates.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—What about the overseas work?</p> <p>Mr Morrison—We have a range of agencies around the world.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Could you supply that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Morrison—We can, yes.</p>	E10	12/5/05	12/5/05	ITR 57
O'Brien	Tourism Australia	16/2/05	<p>Senator O'BRIEN—Can you give me some sort of breakdown of the cost of that domestic activity that we have just been describing—on notice?</p> <p>Mr Morrison—Are you asking about the public relations cost of us communicating to the industry about what we are doing?</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—I am looking for that as a component of your work. Obviously it is an important component and I am trying to understand within your overall budget how much of the budget it takes up.</p> <p>Mr Morrison—We could attempt to put a figure on that, if I understand the question correctly.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—I am not going to hold you to precise dollars and cents, but some sort of reasonably indicative figure would be useful. I am not asking you to do a precise costing by hour of everyone's time, but if you could give us an indicative figure that would be useful. Without wanting to hold you to absolute precision, if you could give a figure that would be a good guide to what is being spent, that would be good.</p> <p>Mr Morrison—I would be happy to provide that.</p>	E11	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 3
O'Brien	Tourism Australia	16/2/05	<p>Senator O'BRIEN—So what did shooting the different images and reproducing the ads cost the organisation?</p> <p>Mr Morrison—In response to the question from the previous estimates, I understand a total figure for the entire campaign was \$2.8 million. That was advised in the written response to the question. That is the total cost of the campaign's creative production.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—I am asking about the extra work.</p> <p>Mr Morrison—I can get you the figure, but the vast majority was done in the original filming, which predominantly accounted for the</p>	E12	12/5/05	12/5/05	ITR 58

			\$2.8 million.				
O'Brien	Tourism Australia	16/2/05	<p>Senator O'BRIEN—I am given to understand that there was an offer from the New South Wales minister, Sandra Nori, to share costs of some advertising imagery between Tourism Australia and the New South Wales government. Could you outline for the committee what correspondence and discussions took place with the New South Wales government minister or department in relation to sharing the costs of producing imagery?</p> <p>Mr Morrison—I am happy to table any correspondence that we have as a follow-up.</p>	E12	12/5/05	12/5/05	ITR 58
O'Brien	Tourism Australia	16/2/05	<p>Senator O'BRIEN—How has the budget for research changed with the move to Tourism Australia?</p> <p>Mr Hopwood—With the white paper initiative, \$3.9 million, or just under \$4 million, a year has been added to the former BTR budget.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—How much of that has gone to the outsourced work and how much remains in house?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Ms Murphy—I am happy to provide a broad overview of the budget breakdown for the white paper research and statistics budget as a whole.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—I am happy for you to provide that on notice. I think we have a limited amount of time.</p> <p>Ms Murphy—Okay.</p>	E14-15	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 4
O'Brien	Tourism Australia	16/2/05	<p>Senator O'BRIEN—On Tourism Australia's web site there is reference to the issue of Ecotourism Australia and Green Globe certification. How many products and organisations in Australia have ecotourism accreditation and Green Globe certification? You will probably need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Morrison—I will probably need to refer it to the department also.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—I thought it was on Tourism Australia's web site, but they may have done the statistics.</p> <p>Mr Morrison—It is an information provision. I will refer to my departmental colleagues.</p> <p>Ms Murphy—We would have to take that question on notice, too.</p>	E18	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 5

			Senator O'BRIEN —Okay.				
O'Brien	Tourism Australia	16/2/05	<p>Senator O'BRIEN—Has a charter for the body been formally established?</p> <p>Ms Murphy—The body has a constitution.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Is that publicly available?</p> <p>Ms Murphy—I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—And can we have a copy if it is not?</p> <p>Ms Murphy—Yes.</p>	E19	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 6
O'Brien	Tourism Australia	16/2/05	<p>Ms Murphy—In 2003-04 the department spent in the order of \$1.8 million on white paper related initiatives. I can break those down if you wish.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Perhaps you could do that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Murphy—Yes. From July 2004 to the end of December 2004 around \$3.1 million has been spent on white paper implementation.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—How much is expected to be spent for the remainder of the financial year?</p> <p>Ms Murphy—I will have to take that on notice. I would expect it to be more than \$3 million for the remainder of the financial year.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Are we able to get similar figures from Tourism Australia?</p> <p>Mr Morrison—As at the end of December, \$7.2 million had been spent on white paper initiatives. I should stress that that includes things like our international marketing and additional funds that were provided for those specific markets. The balance of \$37 million out of the white paper funding for those activities will be spent from January to June.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Is there any way I can find out what ATC spent prior to TA's creation? Perhaps the department could take that on notice. Someone must know. They were involved at some point prior to the establishment of Tourism Australia, weren't they?</p> <p>Ms Murphy—Previously they had some role there, yes.</p> <p>Mr Paterson—Given the change in legal status, I will take the question on notice from the department's perspective. We will work with TA to present you with the information for the previous financial year from ATC's perspective.</p>	E19-20	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 7 and ITR 8

			Senator O'BRIEN —Thank you.				
O'Brien	Tourism Australia	16/2/05	<p>Senator O'BRIEN—In the May estimates, I asked questions about the establishment of the aviation forum. At that time, I was told that the time line for its establishment had not been achieved but that Minister Anderson had agreed to establish the body and there had been a discussion with the Department of Transport and Regional Services to agree to likely terms of reference and modus operandi for the new body. It was hoped that it would be in place by last July. Is it?</p> <p>Ms Murphy—It is in place. It first met on 2 December last year.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Who are the members?</p> <p>Ms Murphy—It is currently co-chaired by this department and the Department of Transport and Regional Services. There are a lot of members. I am happy to provide you with the list on notice, if you would prefer. It is a long list.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—That would be good. What are the terms of reference? You can provide that on notice if it is easier.</p> <p>Ms Murphy—I will provide that on notice too.</p>	E22	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 9
Lundy	ITR	16/2/05	<p>Senator LUNDY—Are those eligibility criteria something that the department would have signed off on or approved as part of the incubator's application for public funding?</p> <p>Mr Rymer—The department does not sign off on these, but they have to be consistent with the contractual arrangements that we have with the incubator.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY—So would those criteria have been made available to the department prior to this incident?</p> <p>Mr Rymer—I am not sure about that.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY—Can you take it on notice as to when you were made aware of the incubator's tenant criteria eligibility guidelines?</p>	E25	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 10-12
Lundy	ITR	16/2/05	<p>Senator LUNDY—Are there any other commercial tenants or non-incubatee tenants within the Ballarat incubator?</p> <p>Mr Peel—There are two: the Australian Industry Group and the local Area Consultative Committee are accommodated in the building. I do not know precisely what rent they are paying.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY—Can you take that on notice.</p>	E25-26	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 10-12

Lundy	ITR	16/2/05	<p>Senator LUNDY—So why was he not able to advise you who he was charging \$10 and \$12 a metre?</p> <p>Mr Peel—We did not ask him.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY—Can I suggest that you do and provide those answers to the committee.</p>	E26	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 10-12
Lundy	ITR	16/2/05	<p>Senator LUNDY—Do you know whether board approval is required for tenants?</p> <p>Mr Peel—No.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY—You do not know, or it is not?</p> <p>Mr Peel—I do not know.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY—Can you take that on notice.</p>	E27	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 13-15
Lundy	ITR	16/2/05	<p>Senator LUNDY—Can you provide the committee with all of the reports or compliance checks that have been performed by the department on the Ballarat small business incubator since its establishment in October 2001?</p> <p>Mr Peel—We will take that on notice.</p>	E29	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 13-15
Lundy	ITR	16/2/05	<p>Senator LUNDY—Can you point me to any documentation the industry department may have which makes it clear that tenants other than small businesses fitting that description can be invited as tenants?</p> <p>Mr Peel—I can check that out for you. I will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY—I can tell you that my research has not shown up anything. That is why I asked that question.</p> <p>Mr Peel—Subject to checking, I doubt whether it is explicit. It is probably more that, if they cannot get other tenants, then it is quite appropriate that they fill vacant space with alternatives to ensure their viability.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY—So the criteria does not describe an alternative other than an eligible small business?</p> <p>Mr Peel—It would talk about them as commercial tenants, I would think.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY—You think it refers to commercial tenants?</p> <p>Mr Peel—I think so. But as I said I will have to check.</p>	E29	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 13-15
Lundy	ITR	16/2/05	<p>Senator LUNDY—I am talking generally. We do not know what other incubators are charging.</p>	E30	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 16-17

			<p>Mr Peel—They would charge commercial rates to non-incubation tenants to augment their income for the vacant space.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY—How do you know that?</p> <p>Mr Peel—That is a practice they undertake. We would have to go and check every single incubator and every single tenant to be absolutely sure.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY—I think that might be a good idea, so could you take that on notice. I would like you to provide all the details of all the tenants in all the incubators and their rent.</p>				
Lundy	ITR	16/2/05	<p>Senator LUNDY—Can you take on notice dating back to the year 2000 each of the small business incubators and their funding allocations, identifying if they were in increments, which is what we have seen with the Ballarat incubator.</p> <p>Mr Peel—So you want a list of all the incubators and details of their individual funding arrangements?</p> <p>Senator LUNDY—Yes and, as I said previously, I want to know the tenants, the duration of the tenancies and their rent.</p>	E30-31	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 16-17
Lundy	ITR	16/2/05	<p>Senator LUNDY—Would you know of that number how many were not incubatory companies and how many were commercial tenants?</p> <p>Mr Peel—We would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY—Do you have figures on the occupancy rate of small businesses within the incubators?</p> <p>Mr Peel—We would have to take that on notice. We do not have that here.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY—If you could take that on notice as well as the occupancy rate for each incubator—so break it down. I have a series of questions which you will need to take on notice. Could you include in the data how long each tenant has been in the incubator—specifically if any federal government or quasi-government agencies or any bodies receiving federal government funding are tenants in any of these incubators—and of course their rent, for which I have asked for everything. Thank you.</p>	E31	12/5/05	12/5/05	ITR 59
G. Campbell	ITR	16/2/05	<p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Is it possible, Mr McCarthy, to have a list of all the parties that are consulted made available to the committee?</p>	E34-35	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 18

			<p>Mr McCarthy—Absolutely. We already have a list of submissions that we can provide to you, and we will be collecting the names of interested parties that turn up at the public consultations as we go through those, so by the time they are completed we will be able to provide you with a complete list.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—I would appreciate it if you could make those available to us.</p> <p>Mr McCarthy—That is fine.</p>				
G. Campbell	ITR	16/2/05	<p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Has the department been involved in the preparation of the Prime Minister's visit to China in April?</p> <p>Mr Miley—Not in any—I would have to check; I am not sure.</p>	E42	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 19
Lundy	ITR	16/2/05	<p>Senator LUNDY—In terms of previous free trade agreements, for example with the US and Thailand, were feasibility studies conducted into those agreements?</p> <p>Mr Miley—For Thailand, yes, but I do not think so for the United States. I would have to check that.</p>	E45	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 20
G. Campbell	ITR	16/2/05	<p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—But there is a restriction, is there?</p> <p>Mr Hartwell—As I said, there is a geographic restriction and there are some restrictions in terms of it being made available to a competitor. We will provide you with some more precise details on that.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Thank you. Do you have any legal advice as to just what is the status of that licence?</p> <p>Mr Hartwell—Yes. Certainly, as a part of these negotiations, we have used the services of the Australian Government Solicitor in negotiating the arrangements that I referred to earlier—that is, in a sense, getting back some of the money that had been held in escrow as part of the arrangements that were originally announced. I do not have that legal advice with me, but we will go back and check it and provide the information that you might seek.</p>	E53	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 21
O'Brien	ITR	16/2/05	<p>Senator O'BRIEN—Do they have a time by which they need to commercialise the project?</p> <p>Mr Hartwell—The gas reserves that apply to the Gorgon joint</p>	E61	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 22-23

			venture are covered by a number of leases. I cannot precisely tell you all the time lines on those, but we could certainly provide you with that information. Senator O'BRIEN —I would appreciate it if you could do that.				
O'Brien	ITR	16/2/05	Senator O'BRIEN —So there have been no variations of those terms. Mr Hartwell —I would have to take that on notice, but I am not aware at this point that there have been any significant variations.	E61	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 22-23
O'Brien	ITR	16/2/05	Senator O'BRIEN —What is its staffing level? Mr Hartwell —I cannot answer that precisely. That is one we will have to take on notice.	E64	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 24-25
O'Brien	ITR	16/2/05	Senator O'BRIEN —Can you provide us with a list of facilities covered under the NOPSA regime? Mr Hartwell —We can do that.	E65	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 24-25
O'Brien	ITR	16/2/05	Mr Hartwell —NOPSA intends to work collaboratively with those organisations as appropriate. At the moment NOPSA is in the process of drawing up memorandums of understanding with those agencies so that their roles and responsibilities are precisely defined and so that, when you may get blurring, they have a working arrangement. Senator O'BRIEN —Would we expect that to be completed shortly? Mr Hartwell —I would need to take some advice on this, but I think most of those memorandums of understanding have already been completed. Senator O'BRIEN —Are they publicly available? Could the committee be supplied with copies of those? Mr Hartwell —I would need to take that on advice. Obviously, there are two parties involved, so if they were to be made public it would not only be NOPSA who would have to approve it but the other party as well.	E65	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 26
Harradine	Biotechnology Australia	16/2/05	Senator HARRADINE —Could I have a copy of all of the address? Could the committee have the notes for the address? Ms Hartland —I do not know whether there were actual notes, and part of this presentation—as I think was also said in the answers to you on the questions on notice—was also presented in tandem with a number of people. So I think that some of this presentation was also	E69	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 27-28

			presented by other people. Senator HARRADINE —I noted that. Ms Hartland —We can go back and see whether there are notes to go with it. I think we have already said that, in terms of the part of the presentation that Craig gave, there were no notes attached to it, so he spoke to the PowerPoint presentation without them.				
Harradine	Biotechnology Australia	16/2/05	Senator HARRADINE —Could you provide the committee with the source upon which Mr Cormick made those statements? Ms Hartland —Yes, Senator, we can provide the background to that. Senator HARRADINE —So you will provide me with the details of all the sources in respect of all the statements that were made by Mr Cormick in his presentation? Ms Hartland —Yes, we can do that.	E71	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 27-28
Harradine	Biotechnology Australia	16/2/05	Senator HARRADINE —Could the officers provide the committee with the basis and the particular sources of all that is in this particular program? Ms Hartland —Yes, I think we have already agreed that we can do that.	E72	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 27-28
Harradine	Biotechnology Australia	16/2/05	Senator HARRADINE —Could you provide us with a copy of what survey groups you are talking about— Ms Hartland —Certainly, and numbers and who carried that out et cetera—yes. Senator HARRADINE —and how they were run and so on. Ms Hartland —Yes, we can do that.	E72	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 27-28
Harradine	Biotechnology Australia	16/2/05	Senator HARRADINE —Were the American embryonic stem cells found to be problematic? Ms Hartland —I will have to take that on notice, because I am not sure what you are referring to there.	E73	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 29
Campbell	DITR	16/2/05	Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL —I suggest to you that those figures are correct. Does the department have the costs of distribution in other industries, on average, and how this figure sits in comparison with other industries? Mr Paterson —Not that I am aware of, and I do not think you would be able to draw any meaningful conclusion from any such set of numbers.	E79-80	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 30

			<p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—I think you could draw a very significant conclusion about the level of overservicing by pharmacies. Can I ask you to take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Paterson—I do not know what you are asking us to take on notice. Do we have the numbers? The answer is no.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—I am asking you to take on notice any analyses of the costs of distribution in other industries.</p> <p>Mr Paterson—If my assumption is correct and the answer remains no?</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—If your assumption is correct and the answer remains no, then there will be no response.</p> <p>Mr Paterson—Correct.</p>				
Campbell	DITR	16/2/05	<p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—What percentage would they represent of the groups that were consulted?</p> <p>Mr Peel—I do not think we have any figures on that.</p>	E80	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 31
WRITTEN QUESTIONS ON NOTICE							
Campbell	ITR	17/6/05	<p>1. With the introduction of Backing Australia's Ability 2 the Department has announced that it will extend and enhance AusIndustry's Regional Office Network. What form will this extension and enhancement take?</p> <p>2. Page 19 of the Department's Annual report claims that the Department has attracted 62 new investments valued at \$7.8 Billion and potentially creating or safeguarding 5,859 jobs and generating \$840 million in export earnings.</p> <p>Can you list these investments for us and where these jobs have been safeguarded?</p> <p>3. At the June 2004 estimates hearings officers of the Department mentioned that the ABS was in the process of undertaking an innovation survey and that the Department was working closely with the Productivity Commission to look more closely at the links between R&D and economic growth in Australia. Are these projects now complete?</p>	N/A	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 32 ITR 33 ITR 34

Campbell	ITR	17/6/05	<p>1. On page 55 of the 2003-04 DITR Annual Report it mentions that the Department has undertaken a consultation process to enhance COMET, including increasing reach to regional areas and research institutions. Has this consultation process been completed?</p> <p>Can we see a copy of any this COMET evaluation? What came out of the process?</p> <p>2. In 2003-04 assisted 286 customers. In 2002-03 the program assisted 406 customers. Why the huge drop off in customers assisted?</p>	N/A	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 35-36
Campbell	ITR	17/6/05	<p>Innovation Access Program:</p> <p>1. What is the current status of the Department's range of Action Agendas?</p> <p>2. What initiatives stemming from Action Agendas are currently utilising Innovation Access Program funding?</p> <p>3. Which elements of the Innovation Access Program have been subsumed into the Commercial Ready program and which elements haven't?</p> <p>4. What was the result of the evaluation of the intelligent manufacturing systems component of the Innovation Access Program? Can we see a copy of the evaluation?</p> <p>5. Did Departmental officers put a proposal to the Minister in 2004 seeking \$56.7 million over a four-year period to support 10 industry wide innovation projects because they were concerned at the axing of the Innovation Access Program?</p> <p>6. Have industry associations expressed concerns to the Department at the axing of the Innovation Access Program? What consultation with industry bodies took place before the decision was made to axe the Innovation Access Program?</p>	N/A	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 37 ITR 38 ITR 39-40 ITR 41-42 ITR 43

			7. What Departmental programs are now available to finance projects resulting from Action Agendas?				
Campbell	ITR	17/6/05	<p>Industry Cooperative Innovation Program (ICIP):</p> <p>1. What is the difference between the ICIP and the Innovation Access Program?</p> <p>2. Will funds be shifted from any other Departmental program to finance the ICIP?</p> <p>3. The ICIP discussion paper indicates that this program will be worth \$25 million over six years. Is this still correct?</p> <p>4. What will be the staffing arrangements for ICIP?</p>	N/A	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 44-46 ITR 47
Carr	Industry Portfolio and all agencies	17/6/05	<p>Please provide a table listing details of all consultancies for the 2003/04 financial year, for the department and all associated agencies. Please include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The costs for all completed consultancies, both budgeted and actual; • The costs for ongoing consultancies, both budgeted and for the current financial year; • The total costs for all consultancies, both the amount expended in the current financial year, and the total budgeted value of all consultancies running in the current financial year; • The nature and purpose of the consultancy; • The method by which the contract was let; • The name and details of the company and/or individual who is carrying out, or carried out, the contract. 	N/A	7/4/05 12/5/05	8/4/05 13/5/05	ITR 55 ITR 60
O'Brien	ITR	17/6/05	<p>1. Tourism Australia came into being on July 2004. Can you provide details for the committee on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The budget for the organisation – and its breakdown between operational spending and internal costs • The staff levels, by level, geographic location and function • How this compares with its predecessor (the Australian 	N/A	7/4/05	8/4/05	ITR 48 ITR 49-51 ITR 47 ITR 52 ITR 53 ITR 54

		<p style="text-align: center;">Tourist Commission)</p> <p>2. Has the Department done any assessment on the impact of the APEC meeting on the Australian tourism industry?</p> <p>3. Has any assessment been undertaken as to the likely impact on the Australian tourism industry as a result of the Commonwealth Games?</p> <p>4. Has the Department or Tourism Australian been given a budget supplement to capture the flow-on benefits from these events?</p> <p>5. What tourism projects were announced by the Government during the course of the election campaign? At what cost? What programs will these projects be funded out of?</p> <p>6. Is the Department undertaking any activities in relation to skills development in the tourism sector? Does the Department undertake any skills surveys in the industry? Does a skills shortage exist in the industry, as it does in other industries? If, so in what occupations and locations?</p> <p>7. What ministerial councils and other consultative committees (including officials meetings) exist in the tourism sector? When did these groups last meet? Can you provide dates for planned meetings of these groups for this year?</p>				
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