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Senator Ronaldson asked:

Senator RONALDSON—I take it you are trying to put a floor under that reduction, which I gather the Tourism Forecasting Council, TFC, is indicating a downturn of 11.9 per cent in the Japanese market this year.
Is that right?
Mr Buckley—I will get someone to double check that number, but it is in that order.
Senator RONALDSON—I understand from the TFC figures for the Asian market that they are forecasting an increase in the Chinese market of 4.5 per cent. Is that right?
Mr Buckley—Are you talking about tourism forecasts?
Senator RONALDSON—I will start again. Did you hear my comments about Japan?
Mr Buckley—Yes.
Senator RONALDSON—In relation to China, I understand the TFC is indicating a boost in the Chinese market of about 4.5 per cent.
Mr Buckley—I think that is correct. I will double check my numbers for you. It just depends on whether you are talking about the financial year or calendar year, but approximately that number.

Answer:

The latest Tourism Forecasting Committee report issued in December 2008 forecast growth for the China market of around 4.5 per cent in 2009. It forecast a decline of 11.9 per cent for the Japan market in 2009.