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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

Additional Budget Estimates 2009

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Senator Birmingham asked:

Senator BIRMINGHAM—In terms of Business Events Australia, can you tell me how much is committed to it this year, please?

Mr Buckley—I think I answered that at the last Senate estimates. I will just confirm that number but my memory is \$5.6 million. That is a total commitment of resources.

Senator BIRMINGHAM—You answered last time that for 2007-08 it was \$5.737 million and you had not set the budget last time I asked you as to what it is this year.

Mr Buckley—We maintained the budget so it would be of the same order. It varies a little depending on some of the in-market activity that gets supported. Business Events is not driven out of a single point. In each of our key markets we have people and campaigns going, but it is of that order. I will get the numbers specifically. You are asking about 2008-09?

Senator BIRMINGHAM—Yes, thank you.

Mr Buckley—I will take that on notice if I can and just confirm the number. It shifts and changes as we test with partners but it would be something of that order. I will double check.

Answer:

Tourism Australia's 2008/09 budget for Business Events Australia is \$5.12 million.