

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

Additional Budget Senate Estimates

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Senator Eggleston asked:

Senator EGGLESTON—I do not know that I am, necessarily, but I am talking about a total government appropriation to the industry, which is apparently the lowest since the government's tourism white paper in 2003. So it would seem the total amount going to tourism under this government is the lowest since 2003. Is that something you can confirm?

Mr Pierce—Senator, I am happy to take on notice the actual numbers back to 2003. Prior to this bring forward, at least in the last couple of years, I suppose the impression I had was that the total amount of funding going to TA was being held relatively constant. As to how that relates to the situation in 2003, I would have to dig out some numbers for you.

Senator EGGLESTON—Perhaps you could provide all the figures for us on notice so that we can really see what the status of funding for tourism—

Senator Wong—Which figures?

Senator EGGLESTON—The bring-forward and the total appropriation for tourism.

Senator Wong—Well, that is all in the budget papers, but I am sure we can do that.

Senator EGGLESTON—If you would be kind enough.

Senator Wong—We will see what we can do, Senator.

Senator EGGLESTON—Thank you.

Senator EGGLESTON—If you could do it on notice I would be grateful. Thank you.

Answer:

The appropriations for tourism and area promotion, as reported in the Budget Papers, over the period 2002-03 to 2008-09 are as follows:

2002-03 - \$156m
2003-04 - \$135m
2004-05 - \$218m
2005-06 - \$209m
2006-07 - \$196m
2007-08 - \$207m
2008-09 - \$192m