

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

Additional Estimates

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**Question:** AR15

**Topic:** Tourism Industry

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**Senator Ronaldson asked:**

**19. Tourism Research Australia ‘Statement of professional independence’**

Can Tourism Research Australia please explain the need for its ‘Statement of professional independence?’

**Answer:**

TRA’s Statement of Professional Independence aims to reinforce the importance the Government attaches to the provision of sound economic advice to government and industry in support of the sustainable development of the tourism industry. In line with practice elsewhere in government (including RET’s Bureau of Resources and Energy Economics, BREE), the Statement of Professional Independence ratifies the manner in which TRA operates.