

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

Additional Estimates

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Senator Ronaldson asked:

5. Tourism Taxes and Charges and Effects on Tourism Competitiveness

Considering the sum total of revenue extracted from tourism in the 2012-13 financial year thus far, set against a worsening of our tourism trade deficit of \$1.129 billion, does the department consider that taxes and charges impact on a country's tourism competitiveness?

Answer:

Until the Australian Bureau of Statistics releases its Tourism Satellite Account that is expected in late April 2013, the tourism trade deficit is not known. Tourism Research Australia (TRA) is about to commence a scoping study of taxes and subsidies which impact on the tourism industry compared to taxes and subsidies in other industries.