

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio

Budget Estimates 2004-2005, 31 May 2004 to 2 June 2004

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: TOURISM AUSTRALIA
TOPIC: NEGOTIATIONS FOR ACCOMMODATION SPACE FOR THE ATC
 IN AUSTRALIA HOUSE, LONDON
REFERENCE: HANSARD 31/5/04, PAGE E33

QUESTION No.103
 (Hansard 31/5/04, p.33)

Senator O'Brien asked about:

With regard to the Australian Tourist Commission's (ATC) negotiations with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) relating to office space in Australia House, London (operated by DFAT's Overseas Property Office).

- a) What is the rental being asked of the ATC to occupy that space? How much money is required to suitably fit out that space?
- b) Has it been discussed minister to minister?

ANSWER

- a) The ATC (now Tourism Australia) is in final negotiations with the Overseas Property Office and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in relation to the lease of space for Tourism Australia and our State/Territory partners in the Australia Centre at Australia House. The Overseas Property Office is finalising the premise rebuild for tenant occupation.
- b) The Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources is unaware of any discussions.