

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates, 1 to 4 June 2004

Question: Bud 16

Topic: Board of Taxation – Resourcing & Expenses

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Senator Conroy asked:

A wise answer, Mr Paine. You may not have this available, but I was wondering if I could get a breakdown of the annual resourcing provided to the board, including a breakdown of employee expenses and board members' expenses, including travel et cetera. I would not anticipate that you would have that right now.

Mr Paine—Senator, in the board's annual report, the last one of which was for 2002-03, there is a public document, again on our web site, and the orders of magnitude and the breakdown have not changed. This year is not much different from last year, but we are quite happy to—

Senator CONROY—Does it list the travel for the individual members, the chairman and that sort of thing?

Mr Paine—No, not in that—

Senator CONROY—The sort of detail I am after is the next level down, I guess—what makes up those numbers, if I could.

Mr Paine—The 2002-03 year?

Senator CONROY—I would actually like it to be as up to date as it is possible to be.

Mr Paine—Yes, that is fine.

Senator CONROY—Thank you very much.

Answer:

Most of the information requested is now available from the Board of Taxation's 2003-04 annual report which can be accessed on the Board's website, www.taxboard.gov.au. The attached table provides information, not disaggregated in the annual report, on 2003-04 travel costs of individual non-Government Board members and the Board Secretariat.

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Table 1: Travel costs of non-Government Board members and Secretariat, 2003-04(a)(b)

Member(c)	\$
Mr Warburton (Chairman)	4,563
Mr Bronger	5,606
Mr D'Aloisio	1,225
Mr Heading(d)	9,050
Mr James	3,365
Mr Jordan	5,221
Ms Schwager	3,912
Secretariat	39,713
Total	72,655

Notes

- (a) Travel costs of *ex officio* Board members are met by their respective agencies.
- (b) All travel undertaken on Board business in 2003-04 took place within Australia.
- (c) The majority of travel by non-Government Board members in 2003-04 related to attendance at Board or Working Group meetings held in Sydney or Canberra. Other travel by non-Government members related to consultations with stakeholders outside Board meetings, the delivery of speeches or presentations about the Board's role and activities, meetings with the Treasurer, and focus group meetings for the Board's consultation on the definition of a charity.
- (d) Mr Heading is based in Brisbane.