

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio
Budget Estimates 2005-2006, 30-31 May 2005

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES
OUTCOME/OUTPUT: All Outcomes and Outputs
TOPIC: REDUCTION IN EXPENDITURE FOR EMPLOYEES, ALLOCATION OF EMPLOYEES AND VARIATIONS TO PROGRAMS
REFERENCE: HANSARD 30/05/05, PAGES E3-6, E12 and E18-19

QUESTION No.1
(Hansard 30/05/05, pp.E3-4)

Senator Lundy asked about:

Page 62 of the 2005-06 Portfolio Budget Statements (PBS) shows a reduction in expenditure on employees over the out years. Are you able to put a figure on variation in the number of employees against that reduction in expenditure?

ANSWER

At the top level, notional Average Staffing Level (ASL) numbers for the Department are:

2004-05	1742
2005-06	1750
2006-07	1661
2007-08	1667
2008-09	1638

ASL is an average of the number of staff, excluding contractors, over the whole financial year and does not address individual APS levels. Each APS officer is regarded as having equal weight for the purposes of ASL calculations. The presentation of staffing figures in the PBS is a comparison between years of the anticipated final ASL. It should also be noted that these are estimates only and will change during the year.