

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
 Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** IP AUSTRALIA  
**TOPIC:** IP AUSTRALIA'S FUNDING  
**REFERENCE:** HANSARD 29/05/06, PAGE E66

**QUESTION No.BI-28**

(Hansard 29/05/06, p.E66)

**Senator Campbell** asked about:

Over the period covered by Parliamentary question on notice number 1685 (2003 to 2006), can you provide the percentages of IP Australia's funding that come from appropriations, fees from Australian customers and fees from non-Australian customers?

**ANSWER**

The following table provides a breakdown of IP Australia's funding by appropriations and fees from Australian and non-Australian applicants. In relation to IP Australia's major revenue lines, the majority of patents fees are paid in relation to non-Australian applicants (some represented by Australian agents) while the majority of trade marks fees are paid in relation to Australian applicants.

<b>Funding source</b>	<b>2003 \$m</b>	<b>2003 %</b>	<b>2004 \$m</b>	<b>2004 %</b>	<b>2005 \$m</b>	<b>2005 %</b>	<b>2006*** \$m</b>	<b>2006 %</b>
Appropriation*	0	0%	1.049	1%	1.738	2%	1.158	2%
Fees – Australian applicants**	62.889	70%	69.155	69%	74.273	68%	37.414	67%
Fees – Non-Australian applicants	27.577	30%	29.377	30%	33.005	30%	17.530	31%
<b>Total</b>	<b>90.466</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>99.581</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>109.016</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>56.102</b>	<b>100%</b>

Notes

\* The appropriation included is for the financial year preceding the calendar year. So 2003 appropriation relates to the 2002-03 financial year, and so on. The 2006 appropriation figure reflects 50% of the 2005-06 financial year appropriation, consistent with the calendar-year-to-date result only reflecting 50% of expected receipts.

\*\* Represents fees received from Australian-based entities and Australian-based agents for international customers.

\*\*\* Fee results reflect the position as at 16 June 2006.