

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

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Question: bet 119 (ACCC)

Topic: Dawson Review outcomes

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Senator FIELDING asked:

I see in the annual report there is \$20 million to be spent over the next four years to fund and implement the amendments arising from the recommendation of the Dawson review. Do you have a break-up of those costs over the next four years? Obviously, you are a year or so into it. Do you have a breakdown of those costs and where that is being spent?

Mr Samuel—No.

Mr Pearson—We could take that on notice. We can get those. We have some of our colleagues from our finance area here and we can get those for you.

Senator FIELDING—Can I just have a break-up of where that is being spent over the four years. Obviously you have probably six months of those reports—2004-05—so you are already into it. The project would be well scoped by now, I would assume, from there.

Answer:

The table below sets out the budget allocations across the current and future financial years for funding received for the implementation of the Dawson amendments to the Trade Practices Act.

Distribution of Dawson Funding – Operating Expenses

	2005-06 \$'000	2006-07 \$'000	2007-08 \$'000	2008-09 \$'000
Employees	1,820	1,475	1,475	1,475
Legal	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Consultant	330	280	280	280
Travel	200	150	150	150
Other – Corporate overheads & program supplier costs	690	534	634	734
POE & Dep	260	261	261	261
Total	5,300	4,700	4,800	4,900