

INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES PORTFOLIO
Budget Estimates 2007-08

Written Questions on Notice

Q No	Senator	Question	Date answered	Date sent to Senator	Additional Information
<i>Innovation programs</i>					
BI-1	Stott Despoja	Can you give me details of the numbers of full-time equivalent personnel, both policy oversight and program administration, who implement each of the Department's innovation initiatives?	19/02/2008	19/02/2008	
BI-2	Stott Despoja	Can you please confirm the administrative costs for each of the Department's innovation initiatives?	19/02/2008	19/02/2008	
<i>Changes to the 175% premium R&D tax concession</i>					
BI-3	Stott Despoja	Do you have projections of the increase in R&D output that the changes to the beneficial ownership provisions of the 175% Premium R&D Tax Concession is expected to have? a. If so, what are they? b. If not, on what evidence base did the decision to make this policy change rest?	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
BI-4	Stott Despoja	How much is the change to the 175% Concession expected to cost the Commonwealth?	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
<i>Basic 125% R&D tax concession</i>					
BI-5	Stott Despoja	What performance measures are in place to ascertain the effectiveness of the basic 125% R&D Tax Concession?	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
BI-6	Stott Despoja	What information indicates that the 125% Concession is encouraging <i>additional</i> R&D activity?	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
BI-7	Stott Despoja	Has the Department modelled what would happen to business R&D if the 125% level was raised or lowered? If so, what are the results of that modelling?	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
<i>National nanotechnology strategy</i>					
BI-8	Stott Despoja	What will be the elements of the National Nanotechnology Strategy? How will the \$21.5 million be spent?	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
BI-9	Stott Despoja	How will the Nanotechnology Strategy be delivered?	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
BI-10	Stott Despoja	Will the implementation of the Nanotechnology Strategy involve the establishment of a multi-agency body like Biotechnology Australia?	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
<i>Pre-seed fund</i>					
BI-11	Stott Despoja	The PBS states that the interim-evaluation of the Pre-Seed Fund has been completed. Are you able to share the findings of that evaluation?	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	

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BI-12	Stott Despoja	Can you please give me the break-down of the disbursement of the Government's allocation of \$72.7 million to the Pre-Seed Fund including: a. How many investments have been made by the fund managers? b. How much of the \$72.7 million has been invested to date? c. How many of those investment funds have been returned to date – ie, capital gain/loss?	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
<i>Innovation investment fund</i>					
BI-13	Stott Despoja	Since the IIF program was introduced how many investments have been made by the fund managers?	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
BI-14	Stott Despoja	How much of the Government's funding has been invested, broken down by the three rounds of the program?	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
BI-15	Stott Despoja	Since the Government's return from the LookSmart investment made under this program, have there been any other positive returns on investment to the Commonwealth? How many investments have generated negative returns?	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
BI-16	Stott Despoja	Can you give me an idea of the Commonwealth's net financial position in this program?	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
<i>Commercial Ready / Commercial Ready Plus</i>					
BI-17	Stott Despoja	How do the application processes differ between Commercial Ready and Commercial Ready Plus?	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
BI-18	Stott Despoja	Will the performance reporting requirements for Commercial Ready Plus recipients be the same as for Commercial Ready recipients? If not, in what way will they differ?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-19	Stott Despoja	What measures do you have to indicate what the Commercial Ready program has achieved to date? How is the program performing against those measures?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-20	Stott Despoja	What is the timeline for the review of Commercial Ready in 2007-08?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
<i>Space industry issues</i>					
BI-21	Carr	Has the Department been involved in considering the recommendations of a submission on space policy developed by Senator Grant Chapman and released in January 2006?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-22	Carr	(a) Was an IDC formed to consider space industry issues and the future of the space industry in Australia following receipt of Senator Chapman's submission? (b) If so, which Department chaired that IDC and which other agencies were involved?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-23	Carr	Has the Department provided advice to the Industry Minister on Senator Chapman's submission?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-24	Carr	Has the Department provided advice to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on Senator Chapman's submission?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-25	Carr	Has the Industry Minister received further representations, since January 2006, from Senator Chapman or members of his Space Policy Advisory Group seeking to take this policy forward?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	

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BI-26	Carr	(a) Did the Department participate in the South Australian Space Summit organised by the SA Defence Unit last August? (b) If so, what was the nature of the Department's participation? (c) Has any action been taken as a result of participating in this Summit?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
<i>Portfolio Budget Statement issues – shifting spending</i>					
BI-27	Campbell	Refer to page 28 of the PBS – a number of programs have their unspent monies pushed back: 1. COMET- \$600,000 in appropriations have been pushed back: <i>Year</i> 2006-7 2007-8 2008-9 2009-10 Change (\$600,000) - \$200,000 \$400,000 2. Small Business Mentoring and Succession Program - \$1,055,000 in appropriations have been pushed back: <i>Year</i> 2006-7 2007-8 2008-9 2009-10 Change (\$55,000) (\$1,000,000) \$800,000 \$255,000 3. Industry Cooperative Innovation Program - \$1,200,000 in appropriations have been pushed back: <i>Year</i> 2006-7 2007-8 2008-9 2009-10 Change (\$1,200,000) \$600,000 \$600,000 - 4. Pharmaceuticals Partnership Program - \$10,000,000 in appropriations have been pushed back: <i>Year</i> 2006-7 2007-8 2008-9 2009-10 Change (\$10,000,000) \$2,000,000 \$8,000,000 - What has led to the grants being pushed back? Has there been insufficient uptake of the grants?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-28	Campbell	Why does the Department expect that there will be greater spending or greater demand in the out years?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
<i>Portfolio Budget Statement issues – staffing levels and program management</i>					
BI-29	Campbell	Refer to p.47 of the PBS	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	

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BI-34	Campbell	What is the \$35 million going to be spent on?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-35	Campbell	What are the assumptions that led to this amount being deemed sufficient or appropriate?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-36	Campbell	What processes are involved in disbursing and acquitting this grant?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-37	Campbell	What relationship does this funding have to ACIS?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
<i>Portfolio Budget Statement issues – resourcing trends</i>					
BI-38	Campbell	In the 2006-07 PBS, according to the chart on p.38, the estimated actual administered appropriations for the year 2005-06 are \$1,314m. In the corresponding chart on p.37 of the 2007-08 PBS, the actual administered appropriations for the year 2005-06 are \$1,194.6m; \$119.4m less than the estimated actual published in May 2006— Were the actual administered appropriations for 2005-06 \$119.4m less than the estimated actual administered appropriation published in last year's PBS?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-39	Campbell	If so, was there a significant under-spend and if so, in what program/s?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-40	Campbell	Have any administered appropriations for 2005-06 been carried forward to 2006-07, 2007-08 or out-years?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-41	Campbell	If so, for which programs?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
<i>Commercialising emerging technologies (COMET) program</i>					
BI-42	Campbell	Refer to lists of COMET grant recipients from 2004-05 through to 2006-07. In 2004-05 less than half of all COMET grants were for \$64,000. In 2005-06 the number increased especially from January 2006. From January 2006 there have been only 4 grant deeds executed that were not for \$64,000— Why \$64,000 for essentially all grants?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-43	Campbell	What is different about the grants or the applications that were not for \$64,000?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-44	Campbell	How does the grant application process work?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-45	Campbell	Is \$64,000 the amount applied for, or is it granted regardless?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-46	Campbell	What advice do applicants get from the Department in relation to the amount to apply for?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-47	Campbell	Are applicants advised to apply for \$64,000?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-48	Campbell	If \$64,000 is more than the amount applied for, why are the applicants still getting that amount?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-49	Campbell	The application form for COMET grants indicates that if the amount granted is more than that spent on	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	

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		purposes that the grant was intended for, then the Department can require repayment of that amount, and that interest is applicable— Have any grant recipients had repayment requested of them?			
BI-50	Campbell	How many, and what has the total amount come to?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-51	Campbell	What is the total interest levied on amounts to be repaid?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-52	Campbell	Are prospective applicants advised of the possibility of accruing interest on unspent grant amounts?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
<i>AusIndustry – success stories</i>					
BI-53	Campbell	Refer to the list of Success Stories on the DITR website— How are AusIndustry’s Success Stories defined?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-54	Campbell	What makes a success story?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-55	Campbell	How are they selected?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-56	Campbell	Which data are collected to ascertain whether a grant and its recipient can be deemed a success – is it feedback volunteered by the recipient, is it some sort of follow-up?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-57	Campbell	If it’s done by a survey of grant recipients, what sorts of questions are asked?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-58	Campbell	Can a copy of the survey be tabled?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-59	Campbell	Companies are listed as success stories on the website and the template appears to be 'Company X received Grant Y and is now a success.'— Is there any more sophisticated analysis than that to work out what role the grants played in contributing to the successes and how they might be improved?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-60	Campbell	What has AusIndustry learnt through the success stories about what works and what doesn’t?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
<i>Bionomics grant</i>					
BI-61	Campbell	Please refer to 'Bionomics chief executive on key board that decides grants', <i>Age</i> , 12/1/07— Does IR&D have policies and procedures in place in relation to the prevention of real and perceived conflicts of interest on the part of IR&D board members?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-62	Campbell	If so, what are those policies and procedures?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-63	Campbell	What processes are in place to ensure that a board member's pecuniary interest in a matter under consideration by the IR&D board does not influence the decision of the board in relation to the matter?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-64	Campbell	What steps were taken by Ms. Rathjen to ensure that her pecuniary interest in the Bionomics grant did not give rise to either a conflict of interest or a perceived conflict of interest?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	
BI-65	Campbell	What steps were taken to ensure that her pecuniary interest in the matter did not influence other members of the board?	02/08/2007	03/08/2007	

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<i>Carbon emissions trading task group</i>					
BI-66	Evans	In relation to the Task Group's final report: a) Was a draft copy of the report provided to a Minister or Minister's office? If so when? b) When was the Minister or his office first provided with a copy of the text of the final report? c) When did members of the Task Group sign off on the text of the final report?	27/07/2007	30/07/2007	
<i>Low emissions technology demonstration fund</i>					
BI-67	Evans	Have funding agreements been finalised for any of the six announced projects? If so which projects have had their funding agreements finalised?	27/07/2007	30/07/2007	
BI-68	Evans	What is the likely timing for the finalisation of the funding agreements for all of the six projects?	27/07/2007	30/07/2007	
BI-69	Evans	What is the Department's estimate on when funds will first actually be spent (as opposed to committed) through this fund?	27/07/2007	30/07/2007	
BI-70	Evans	What is the Department's estimate on the total amount of funding delivered through the LETDF in 2007-08?	27/07/2007	30/07/2007	
BI-71	Evans	What is the Department's current estimated funding profile for this Fund in the out-years?	27/07/2007	30/07/2007	
BI-72	Evans	What is the total period over which LETDF funds will be provided?	27/07/2007	30/07/2007	
BI-73	Evans	In relation to projects which have not yet reached the final investment decision phase, what will happen to the committed LETDF funds if the project does not go ahead?	27/07/2007	30/07/2007	
<i>Renewable energy development initiative</i>					
BI-74	Evans	In relation to the current commitments under this initiative, how much funding has actually been spent?	27/07/2007	30/07/2007	
BI-75	Evans	Can the Department provide for each project the amount in funding approved and the current amount actually spent?	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
<i>Funding for AP6 on clean development and climate</i>					
BI-76	Evans	Given the Government's commitment of \$100 million towards the AP6 clean development and climate initiative: a) How much of that funding has actually been committed to projects? b) Of the amount committed, to date how much has actually been spent? c) Can the Department provide for each approved project under this initiative the amount in funding committed and the current amount actually spent? (This is an update of the question asked in February 2007)	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
<i>Strategic investment incentive</i>					
BI-77	Evans	Can the Government provide a list of all the projects that have been offered Strategic Investment Incentive	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	

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		<p>funding?</p> <p>For each project indicate the name of the project, the total funding offered, what that funding covered, the date it was announced and the total amount of funding spent to date. Also indicate if a project has subsequently been abandoned or put on hold.</p>			
<i>Syntroleum GTL licence (relates to AI-90 and AI-91)</i>					
BI-78	Evans	<p>Following on the answer to AI-90 and AI-91 from the February 2007 hearings:</p> <p>a) Specifically when did the Government announce the assistance offered to this project?</p> <p>b) What were the components of the total assistance offered?</p> <p>c) As part of this package did the Federal Government purchase a \$15m licence from Syntroleum for the use of gas to liquids technology?</p> <p>d) What is the period for this licence?</p> <p>e) Why wasn't the purchase of that licence made conditional on the project going ahead?</p> <p>f) What action has the Department taken to recover the license fee through sharing in fees paid for the use of the Syntroleum technology in Australia, East Timor, Indonesia, or PNG?</p>	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
<i>Nuclear industry</i>					
BI-79	Evans	Has the Department done any analysis of the issues that would need to be considered in determining likely sites for nuclear power stations in Australia?	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
BI-80	Evans	Has the Department commissioned any work into what issues would need to be considered in determining likely sites for nuclear power stations in Australia?	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
BI-81	Evans	Has the Department done any analysis of suitable sites for nuclear power stations in Australia?	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
BI-82	Evans	Has the Department commissioned any analysis of suitable sites for nuclear power stations in Australia?	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
BI-83	Evans	Has the Department provided any briefing to the Minister on possible sites for nuclear power stations in Australia?	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
<i>Analysis of the impact of climate change responses (relates to AI-102)</i>					
BI-84	Evans	<p>Following on the answer to AI-102 from the February 2007 hearings:</p> <p>a) Provide the dates on which the Department commissioned work on the impact of various climate change responses?</p> <p>b) How many such studies have been commissioned?</p> <p>c) Have some of these been done by outside organisations? If so please indicate which organisations have been used in commissioning this work.</p> <p>d) In relation to the work commissioned on sensitivity analysis in relation to various generation technologies of various climate change responses, when was this work completed?</p>	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	

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		e) What were the various climate change responses examined in this study? i.e. MRET, carbon tax, carbon emission trading?			
<i>Department funding for clean coal technologies</i>					
BI-85	Evans	For 2006-07 (to date) can the Department separately indicate the total funding provided to every relevant organisation, for the purpose of research, development and demonstration of clean coal technologies? E.g. CRC's, CSIRO, CLET.	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
BI-86	Evans	For the years 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 can the Department separately indicate the total funding allocated to every relevant organisation, for the purpose of research, development and demonstration of clean coal technologies?	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
BI-87	Evans	For 2006-07 (to date) can the Department provide the total funding provided for the purpose of research, development and demonstration of clean coal technologies? If this figure is different from the total of the amounts in the first question please explain the discrepancy.	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
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BI-89	Evans	For the years 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 can the Department separately indicate the total funding allocated to every relevant organisation, for the purpose of research, development and demonstration of renewable energy technologies?	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
BI-90	Evans	For 2006-07 (to date) can the Department provide the total funding provided for the purpose of research, development and demonstration of renewable energy technologies? If this figure is different from the total of the amounts in the first question please explain the discrepancy.	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
<i>R&D tax concession (further to tabled document 4)</i>					
BI-91	Carr	1. The Industry R&D Board Annual Report includes details of the number of registrants for the R&D tax concession that are in each of the following turnover groups: ≤\$500,000; >\$500,000 to \$1 million; >\$1 million to \$5 million; >\$5 million to \$10 million; >\$10 million to \$25 million; >\$25 million to \$50 million; and >\$50 million. It also provides the total R&D expenditure claimed by registrants in each group— d. For the first three turnover groups (i.e. up to \$5 million), please break down the figures provided in (c) above [see tabled document 4] by Offset and concession. e. For each turnover group, please provide the number of registrants in each ANZIC industry group.	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	
BI-92	Carr	2. The Industry R&D Board Annual Report includes details of the number of registrants for the R&D tax concession that are in each of the following R&D expenditure groups: ≤\$500,000; \$500,000 to \$1	21/08/2007	21/08/2007	

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		<p>million; \$1 million to \$5 million; \$5 million to \$10 million; >\$10 million—</p> <p>a. Please provide the total expenditure by firms in each expenditure group that access: (i) the 125 per cent concession only; (ii) the Premium 175 per cent concession; (iii) the Tax Offset (125% only); and (iv) the Combined Offset and Premium.</p> <p>b. For each expenditure group, please provide:</p> <p>(i) The number of registrants with R&D/turnover intensity of less than 1 per cent and the expenditure that these registrants account for;</p> <p>(ii) The number of registrants with R&D/turnover intensity of between 1 per cent and 2 per cent and the expenditure that these registrants account for; and</p> <p>(iii) The average R&D intensity of registrants in the group.</p> <p>c. For the first two expenditure groups (ie up to \$1 million), please break down the figures provided in (b) above by Offset and concession.</p> <p>d. For each expenditure group, please provide the number of registrants in each ANZIC industry group.</p>			

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BI-93	Carr	28/05/2007	<p><i>Disability standards access code – Jaguar Consulting</i></p> <p>Senator CARR—What is the relationship between your final advice and the Jaguar Consulting access reports?</p> <p>Mr Donaldson—They were one of a number of consultants that we used during the process to help us with our impact analysis. Our relationship with them was that they provided services to assist us in that analysis.</p> <p>Senator CARR—And they provided services at the cost of \$87,000?</p> <p>Mr Donaldson—I would have to go back and check. It is some time ago now.</p> <p>Senator CARR—I am just referring to the annual report. Is that the total amount?</p> <p>Mr Donaldson—I am not prepared to confirm that without checking. There was a significant amount of funding committed to this process in terms of both the amount of time involved by officials and people in the community and also the process of analysis that we needed to go through, including economic and social impact analysis.</p>	E4	11/09/2007	11/09/2007	
BI-94	Carr	28/05/2007	<p><i>Disability standards access code – disability parking requirements</i></p> <p>Senator CARR—As I understand it, the present disability parking requirements were set in 1986 and require one per cent of spaces to be set aside for disability parking. Is that the case?</p> <p>Mr Donaldson—I would have to confirm that.</p>	E5	11/09/2007	11/09/2007	
BI-95	Carr	28/05/2007	<p><i>Disability standards access code – funding</i></p>	E5-E6	11/09/2007	11/09/2007	

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			<p>Senator CARR—As I understand it, in the department’s reports there has been some \$337,000 spent on consultancies in terms of access to premises standards.</p> <p>Mr Donaldson—No. My recollection is that that is an annual figure for 2005-06. The funding involved in this program would be far larger than that. I can provide it if you wish.</p> <p>Senator CARR—How much larger would it be?</p> <p>Mr Donaldson—It would certainly exceed \$2 million.</p> <p>Senator CARR—Are you sure?</p> <p>Mr Donaldson—I have not got the numbers in front of me, but I am happy to provide them.</p> <p>Senator CARR—I appreciate the advice.</p>				
BI-96	Carr	28/05/2007	<p><i>Disability standards access code – final advice</i></p> <p>Senator CARR—I appreciate the point. Mr Donaldson, what was the date on which final advice was sent to—</p> <p>Mr Donaldson—I will have to confirm that, but my recollection is 29 March 2006.</p>	E6	11/09/2007	11/09/2007	
BI-97	Carr	28/05/2007	<p><i>LPG program advertising</i></p> <p>Senator CARR—How much remains, do you know?</p> <p>Mr Peel—The only figure I have here is as at the end of March, and the remaining amount then was \$154,000. I can check to see if we have spent any more.</p> <p>Senator CARR—Thank you. That is for program advertising.</p> <p>Mr Peel—That is correct.</p>	E23	11/09/2007	11/09/2007	
BI-98	Carr	28/05/2007	<p><i>Evaluation of intermediaries</i></p> <p>Mr Pennifold—If I can come back to that point, I have found the material and we engaged a consultant called Howard Partners to do a study for us. It was done</p>	E40	11/09/2007	11/09/2007	

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			<p>through an open tender. That work has just been completed and it identifies the nature and extent of the impact of intermediaries on the sustainability and growth of small and medium sized enterprises in Australia. That report has not been made public, but we will consider making public a version with the commercial-in-confidence material removed.</p> <p>Senator CARR—Thank you very much. When did you receive the evaluation from Howard Partners?</p> <p>Mr Pennifold—The information I have is that it was completed at the end of October 2006—that was the contract period. I would have to check exactly when we received the report.</p>				
BI-99	Carr	28/05/2007	<p><i>R&D tax concession – evaluation</i></p> <p>Ms Berman—That is correct. We talked about the evaluation of the new elements—the premium and the offset. That evaluation has been finalised and, at this very moment, we are seeking final steering committee sign-off. The report is being completed. When that sign-off is complete, which was sought last week, we will then be forwarding it to our minister.</p> <p>Senator CARR—Are you able to indicate what the evaluation considered?</p> <p>Ms Berman—We can certainly provide you with the terms of reference. In summary, we looked at all the data leading up to 2001, when the new elements commenced, and then looked at the years following the introduction, and analysed the changes in expenditure, the number of customers and sought to identify the impact of the two changed elements on expenditure by business.</p> <p>Senator CARR—Are you able to outline what the main findings of the committee were?</p> <p>Ms Berman—I do not believe I am in a position to do that until the minister sees the report.</p> <p>Senator CARR—Is it the intention to release that report once the minister has seen it?</p> <p>Ms Berman—That is the minister’s decision.</p> <p>Senator CARR—I take it that you will appreciate this is a formal request to have</p>	E43	11/09/2007	11/09/2007	Revised answer provided to the committee on 13/09/2007.

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			<p>a copy of that report?</p> <p>Ms Berman—Certainly.</p>				
BI-100	Carr	28/05/2007	<p>R&D tax concession – Douglas Cumming report</p> <p>Senator CARR—The table of consultancy services commissioned by the department for 2005-06 on the website indicates that Douglas Cumming was commissioned to undertake a data analysis and modelling of the R&D tax concession. Was that report commissioned as part of this evaluation?</p> <p>Ms Berman—It was. When the evaluation commenced, one of the analyses we sought was an interpretation of the data alone without any comment from the people using it. We put that data together in a number of years and provided it to Mr Cumming, who did some analysis for us. That was only one of the inputs in terms of analysis. We had several other inputs as well, which were done within the department, and together they are referred to in the final report, and the findings are according to what the data found.</p> <p>Senator CARR—The report is not on the research page of the department's website?</p> <p>Ms Berman—The report of Mr Cumming?</p> <p>Senator CARR—Yes.</p> <p>Ms Berman—It was probably the previous financial year.</p> <p>Senator CARR—So it may well still be there?</p> <p>Ms Berman—It was paid for in the previous financial year, and not the financial year we are in.</p> <p>Senator CARR—How much was that?</p> <p>Ms Berman—I would be guessing, but it is probably in the order of about \$30,000.</p> <p>Senator CARR—So you think it might well have been published in the previous financial year?</p> <p>Ms Berman—Registered in the previous financial year; is that correct?</p>	E43-E44	11/09/2007	11/09/2007	Revised answer provided to the committee on 13/09/2007.

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			<p>Mr Pennifold—My information is that the report did cost us \$30,000. It was a direct engagement. It provided baseline data. My information is that it has not been published but indeed formed an input to the review that you were referring to.</p> <p>Senator CARR—Is it the intention to provide a copy of that report to this committee?</p> <p>Mr Pennifold—That would be the minister's decision. It was commissioned as an input to this review of the new elements of the tax concession.</p>				
BI-101	Carr	28/05/2007	<p><i>R&D tax concession – legislation</i></p> <p>Senator CARR—Can I be clear about this: you are proposing legislation be debated in the chamber in September or that it be introduced in September?</p> <p>Ms Berman—I think it is to be introduced in August or September, but I would have to confirm that. But that is the intention, that it is very soon.</p> <p>Senator CARR—And the 10 months ends in April?</p> <p>Ms Berman—April of the following year.</p> <p>Senator CARR—Will it be 10 months from the time the legislation is changed or 10 months from the first—</p> <p>Mr Peel—Ten months from the end of the financial year. I believe the plan is that the legislation will actually be retrospective to cover the whole of the financial year.</p> <p>Senator CARR—What happens if there is an election? In respect of your legislative program will it affect the timelines?</p> <p>Mr Peel—If there were to be an election before the legislation was dealt with it would be a matter for the incoming government to decide what to do.</p> <p>Senator CARR—It is possible that these legislative changes will not be in place before an election?</p> <p>Mr Mackey—That would just be speculation on our part.</p> <p>Senator CARR—Of course, but it is possible, isn't it? The legislation will not have been carried by the time—</p>	E51	19/02/2008	19/02/2008	

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			<p>Mr Mackey—The government’s intention is to introduce and pass the legislation in August and September.</p> <p>Senator CARR—Is it August or September?</p> <p>Ms Berman—We would have to take that on notice. I believe it starts in August, but I—</p> <p>CHAIR—I think Mr Mackey said August-September.</p> <p>Mr Mackey—That is the government’s intention, to have it not just introduced but also passed. That is what T category—</p> <p>Ms Berman—Yes, that is what T category stands for.</p>				
BI-102	Carr	28/05/2007	<p><i>R&D tax concession – Centre for International Economics reports</i></p> <p>Ms Berman—We have two reports. One was the R&D Start report and the other was the tax concession one and you—</p> <p>Senator CARR—I have got both of those now, have I?</p> <p>Ms Berman—You have, or you certainly can have them if you have not, but I believe you have them both.</p> <p>Senator CARR—I have the CIE one?</p> <p>Ms Berman—They are both CIE.</p> <p>Senator CARR—So there is a second one?</p> <p>Ms Berman—There is one on the tax concession and there is another on R&D Start, not on commercial—</p> <p>Senator CARR—Can I have a look at the second one, please, so that I can check to see if I have not already been provided with it, because I do not think I have seen that?</p> <p>Ms Berman—Certainly.</p>	E52	19/02/2008	19/02/2008	
BI-103	Carr	28/05/2007	<p><i>Defence Industry Advisory Council</i></p> <p>Senator CARR—What involvement does the industry minister have in the</p>	E59-E60	19/02/2008	19/02/2008	

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			<p>Defence Industry Advisory Council, which is at point 20 of the plan?</p> <p>Mr Luchetti—I would probably need to look at the detail just to see the context at that particular point, but I am not really in a position to answer that question at the moment.</p> <p>Senator CARR—It says here that there will be a reconstituted ministerial-level Defence Industry Advisory Council, which will meet annually. I take it that the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources is on that council?</p> <p>Mr Luchetti—The minister is involved in a range of major Defence acquisition decisions, participating in the NSC for those key decisions, so I would expect he would have an involvement.</p> <p>Senator CARR—Can you come back to me on that? Surely it would not be hard to find out whether or not your minister is on the council?</p> <p>Mr Luchetti—Yes.</p>				
BI-104	O'Brien	28/05/2007	<p><i>Tourism Australia – marketing programs</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—I would like a list of the programs and the costings of each of the programs broken down to include staffing costs, recurrent costs and administrative costs.</p> <p>Mr Buckley—I can do that.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Are you taking that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—Yes, I will.</p>	E64	20/02/2008	20/02/2008	
BI-105	O'Brien	28/05/2007	<p><i>Tourism Australia – programs to 2009-10</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Where would I be able to access a list of programs, current expense and revenue and cash forward estimates for the current financial year and the next three financial years?</p> <p>Mr Hopwood—They are in these pages in our section here. We have the total dynamics of our income and revenue. We have not presented anything to date which has a breakdown of that any further. Are you looking at the types of</p>	E64	20/02/2008	20/02/2008	

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			<p>programs going out for the next three years?</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Out to 2009-10 inclusive, yes.</p> <p>Mr Hopwood—We will take that on notice.</p>				
BI-106	O'Brien	28/05/2007	<p><i>Tourism Australia – Brand Australia campaign</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—How much has been spent on rolling out the revitalised Brand Australia campaign in 14 key overseas markets?</p> <p>Mr Noonan—I think the reference is AI53. There was an initial \$40 million allocated to the international campaign in 2006 and a further \$140 million has been allocated to international activities, including campaign activities, over this financial year and next financial year.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—So how much in 2006-07?</p> <p>Mr Noonan—I do not have a split between those two years for the \$140 million figure.</p> <p>Mr Buckley—I can do that.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Can you get that for us?</p> <p>Mr Noonan—Yes.</p> <p>Mr Buckley—Yes, we can.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—How much of the expenditure for the campaign in 2007-08 would be spent in the first half of the year and how much in the second half of the year; or is that a concept at this stage and the subject of—</p> <p>Mr Buckley—We are fairly close to the end of the 2006-07 year, so we can give an estimate of what that split would be. There is a significant amount of the activity in the second half of the year. We can come back with a—</p>	E65	20/02/2008	20/02/2008	
BI-107	O'Brien	28/05/2007	<p><i>Tourism Australia – question on notice 5560</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—And when did 5560 go to Tourism Australia?</p> <p>Mr Noonan—I do not have any information about 5560, I am afraid.</p>	E69	20/02/2008	20/02/2008	

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			<p>Senator O'BRIEN—Can you help me, Mr Buckley or Mr Hopwood?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—I understand the answer has gone back to the ministerial coordination unit of ITR.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—So it is with the department?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—Yes.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—When did it go back to the department?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—We will have to check. I am sorry; I do not have that information at hand.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Perhaps you could check that and we will come back to that.</p>				
BI-108	O'Brien	28/05/2007	<p>Tourism Australia – launch of 'A Uniquely Australian Invitation' campaign</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—How much did the launch of the new global campaign 'A uniquely Australian invitation' cost?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—Again, I think that has been answered in a previous question on notice.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Why is it not in the answer to question 3079, or identifiably so? Indeed, the answer in 3079 says the figures are budget figures, not actual figures.</p> <p>Mr Buckley—The answer to question 3078 gives a breakdown of the costs that were incurred by Tourism Australia in formalising the new entity. You are after the costing of the launch of the new campaign?</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—That is what the question asked for and the answer that we are given says:</p> <p>The figures provided below are budget figures for the 2006/07 financial year and are allocated against the outputs assigned to Tourism Australia ...</p> <p>Presumably you are giving us what is in the PBS for that year?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—In answer to 3078 our response was that in 3A, in line with the additional funding granted to Tourism Australia, an initial \$40 million was allocated to the international campaign in 2006. Then it went on to say that \$140 million had been allocated for international activities, including campaign</p>	E71	20/02/2008	20/02/2008	

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			<p>activities over 2006-07 and 2007-08.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—How much did the launch cost?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—I would need to take that on notice.</p>				
BI-109	O'Brien	28/05/2007	<p><i>Tourism Australia – leveraging activities</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—In 2006-07 were any moneys expended on leveraging activities around major events such as the 2006 Commonwealth Games and the Queen's Baton Relay?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—Some dollars were spent on that program, yes.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—How much?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—I would need to take that on notice.</p>	E72	20/02/2008	20/02/2008	
BI-110	O'Brien	28/05/2007	<p><i>Tourism Australia – media releases</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—There have been five media releases from Tourism Australia this year; is that right?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—I would have to check. I do not have the numbers with me.</p>	E78	20/02/2008	20/02/2008	
BI-111	O'Brien	28/05/2007	<p><i>Tourism Australia – business events/business tourism campaign: merchandise</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—A diary and an iPod?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—The iPod was only to the decision makers and—</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—The diary was more widely distributed?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—That is correct.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—How many diaries did we distribute?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—I cannot tell you off the top of my head.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Can you take that on notice?</p>	E84-E85	20/02/2008	20/02/2008	

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			<p>Mr Buckley—I can.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—And how many iPods?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—I can get those figures to you.</p>				
BI-112	O'Brien	28/05/2007	<p>Tourism Australia – nature of the business events/business tourism campaign</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—They are all within the \$2.6 million figure?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—They are part of the cost.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Is there much left?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—It is a direct marketing campaign, so it is very much about getting that sort of material into the hands of the consumer. It is not like a TV.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—I am just trying to get an understanding of whether that is substantially the campaign or is there a lot more to it?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—No, there is a lot more to it than that, because there is database marketing, and there are several direct mail follow-up pieces. I can give you a breakdown of the nature of the campaign if you desire.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Yes, please.</p>	E85	20/02/2008	20/02/2008	
BI-113	O'Brien	28/05/2007	<p>G'Day USA travel costs</p> <p>Mr Noonan—I am not aware of any costs that would be borne by this department or by Tourism Australia. Perhaps I should check on the question of ground transport costs. I am just not sure where the boundary line lies between DOFA responsibilities and Industry, Tourism and Resources responsibilities.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—If there has been ground transport, can you get us a breakdown of the costs—</p> <p>Mr Noonan—Yes.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—for each item?</p> <p>Mr Noonan—If there have been ground transport costs I can tell you what they</p>	E86	20/02/2008	20/02/2008	

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			<p>are.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—For each ground transport event presumably?</p> <p>Mr Noonan—I am not sure whether such detailed records would be available, but I will certainly provide what can be obtained.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—You will provide whatever is available?</p> <p>Mr Noonan—Yes, I will provide what it is possible to obtain.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—If the department has paid for it. I am not asking you for something that you have not paid for. But if you have paid the bill you will know, will you not?</p> <p>Mr Noonan—I understand.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Question on notice 3947 asked the Minister for Small Business and Tourism about the minister's travel. An answer was provided as to airfares, travel advances, accommodation, ground transport and incidentals. Is there a reason why in this case we would need to ask the department of finance?</p> <p>Mr Noonan—Can you give me the context of that question?</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—It was in relation to a ministerial trip to London in March 2006 concerning Britain's Broadcast Advertising Clearance Centre's difficulties with the Tourism Australia 'So Where the Bloody Hell Are You' campaign.</p> <p>Mr Noonan—We would have obtained that information from the department of finance to answer that question.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—It was not clear from the answer that that was the case, and nor does the answer make that clear, I might say. In this case the department does not have that information, it is all held in the department of finance? Sorry, this is in the case of the G'day USA trip?</p> <p>Mr Noonan—I am aware that there has been a question asked about G'day USA, and I am just not sure where we are up to as far as getting that information and preparing it goes. But we would follow a similar way to before. We would endeavour to answer that question by asking the department of finance if they were able to help us.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—I see. Thank you for that.</p>				

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BI-114	O'Brien	28/05/2007	<p><i>Tourism Australia – advertising in the UK</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Was it possible for you to check with the authority before the campaign commenced as to what was acceptable and what was not acceptable?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—I cannot answer that. I would have to check what role they might or might not have been willing to play in that process. I do not know the UK advertising environment well enough to be able to answer that.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Does Mr Hopwood know?</p> <p>Mr Hopwood—No, I am sorry, I do not.</p> <p>Mr Buckley—I can find that out as to what role they play and whether they do provide that sort of service. Our media agency provides us with the recommendation.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—I would be happy if you found out because it would help all of us.</p>	E88	20/02/2008	20/02/2008	
BI-115	O'Brien	28/05/2007	<p><i>Tourism Australia – advertising adjusted for cultural differences and sensitivities</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Have the advertisements in their various contexts been banned in any other country or required to be changed in any other country?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—They are adjusted in a number of countries, yes.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Does that involve consulting with the regulator?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—In some cases that is true. There has been some consultation.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Which countries?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—Malaysia and Singapore.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Is it fair to assume that Tourism Australia or its agents in those countries would have consulted before the placement of advertisements?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—The agency?</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Yes, the agency.</p> <p>Mr Buckley—We would have worked off the advice of our media agency in that</p>	E88	20/02/2008	20/02/2008	

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			<p>region to give us advice on what would be acceptable and not acceptable to the authorities.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Are Malaysia and Singapore the only other countries where you have had to change advertisements?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—We have adapted the advertisements in language terms.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—I mean to accommodate cultural differences or sensitivities.</p> <p>Mr Buckley—They are the only two that I am aware of off the top of my head. I would have to check to see whether there were any others that we knew of for that particular reason.</p>				
BI-116	O'Brien	28/05/2007	<p><i>Tourism Australia – expenditure by firm</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Who does the advertising work for Tourism Australia in Australia?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—M&C Saatchi, if there is any need for creative; they are a very different program.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Who does market research, public opinion polling, strategic counselling campaign and communication services?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—There are a wide range of suppliers. Our brand tracking is Taylor Nelson Sofres—that is global brand tracking. We have ACNielsen doing some of the work for our national visitors survey and international visitors survey, so there is a wide range.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Are they the main ones?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—Yes, they would be the two biggest suppliers. We tender out every project.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Do you have a list of acceptable tenderers?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—We use the government panel of market research providers.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Do you draw widely from that list?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—Yes, we do.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Can you give us on notice details of expenditure on that</p>	E90-E91	20/02/2008	20/02/2008	

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			<p>range of issues by firm?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—By the company?</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Yes.</p> <p>Mr Buckley—Yes.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—For 2006-07?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—Yes. It would be a bit of an estimate in 2006-07 because we are not finished. The year 2005-06 or 2006-07?</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Both, please.</p>				
BI-117	O'Brien	28/05/2007	<p><i>Tourism Australia – 'No Leave, No Life' campaign</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—How much has been spent to date on work on the 'No Leave, No Life' campaign?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—I will have to take that on notice.</p>	E91	20/02/2008	20/02/2008	
BI-118	Evans	28/05/2007	<p><i>Wind turbine industry assistance package</i></p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—What were these two organisations that you funded?</p> <p>Mr Peel—One of them was a company called Aus-Tech Composites based near Burnie, which received a grant of \$47,000.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—What do they do?</p> <p>Mr Peel—They are using the grant to assist in the development of new fibreglass components for the caravan sector, which allowed the company to continue with its operations without any loss of jobs.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—They were a supplier to the wind turbine operation?</p> <p>Mr Peel—They were.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—And the other one?</p> <p>Mr Peel—The other one did not proceed, so the only expenditure will be the \$47,000.</p>	E92-E93	19/02/2008	19/02/2008	

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			<p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Who was the applicant?</p> <p>Mr Peel—We do not usually give out details of the applicant, particularly if grants do not go ahead.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—You have asked us to approve expenditure. You put a proposal under a program that has got nothing to do with it and then you do not want to tell me who you want to pay the money to. It seems a little unusual.</p> <p>Mr Peel—We are not going to pay it.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Why are you seeking budget approval?</p> <p>Mr Peel—At the time that it was put there we thought we were going to require it.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Has this happened since the budget?</p> <p>Mr Peel—That is correct. It is since it was put together.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—You are not prepared to tell us to whom you were likely to make the grant?</p> <p>Mr Peel—I could ask the company if they would be prepared for their name to be released.</p>				
BI-119	Evans	28/05/2007	<p><i>Uranium industry framework implementation group</i></p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—What is the overarching body now called?</p> <p>Mr Hartwell—The Uranium Industry Framework Implementation Group.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Who is on that?</p> <p>Mr Hartwell—Essentially representatives from each of the four operating uranium companies in Australia. It also includes a number of government and territory representatives. It includes representatives of the Indigenous Land Group and representatives from the Uranium Industry Association. There are quite a number of people on it.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—That is the membership that we discussed previously?</p> <p>Mr Hartwell—Yes.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—That was for when they did their earlier work; this is</p>	E99-E100	20/02/2008	20/02/2008	

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			<p>ongoing now?</p> <p>Mr Hartwell—Yes. Essentially the membership is much the same, although a few people have been added and a few have been dropped off.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—I will get you to take on notice for me who has been added and who has been dropped off, unless you have that to hand.</p> <p>Mr Hartwell—I am not sure that I have a list of all the individuals, but I can essentially run through the bodies or agencies that are represented.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—I am happy for you to take that on notice so that we get it right.</p>				
BI-120	Evans	28/05/2007	<p><i>APEC meetings</i></p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Okay, thank you for that. Have there been bilateral meetings regarding uranium or nuclear matters arranged as part of the APEC meetings in Darwin, in addition to the APEC agendas?</p> <p>Mr Hartwell—I can only answer that question on the basis that obviously there will be a number of bilateral meetings between energy ministers at the APEC meeting in Darwin. Some of those countries we are presently uranium suppliers to, but whether that issue is part of the agenda, I could not comment at this point in time.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Are we having a bilateral with South Korea?</p> <p>Mr Hartwell—I do not have the bilateral list before me, so I could not really comment on that.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—But these bilateral meetings would be involving your minister; is that right?</p> <p>Mr Hartwell—That is correct.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Is there someone here who can help us with the bilaterals that he is holding as part of that conference?</p> <p>Mr Paterson—The minister's schedule is not something that we would comment on as a matter of course. Certainly, as Mr Hartwell has indicated, a number of bilaterals are expected to take place between the minister and visiting ministers,</p>	E112-E113	20/02/2008	20/02/2008	

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			<p>but we cannot comment either on who will be participating in those bilaterals or on whether or not they will take place.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—We do not publicly confirm whether we have bilaterals?</p> <p>Mr Paterson—We do not publicly comment on the minister’s schedules.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—I am not asking about schedules; I am asking whether, as part of the conference, we are having bilateral meetings with other countries.</p> <p>Mr Paterson—Bilateral meetings are not a part of the formal conference. There is an expectation that there will be some bilaterals between the minister and visiting ministers and there were some scheduled and others being worked on, but I cannot comment on the minister’s schedule in relation to bilaterals.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Aren’t bilaterals a bit more formal than just sitting down and having a cup of tea with them? I thought they were—</p> <p>Mr Paterson—They take a variety of forms.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—All right, but the normal understanding of bilaterals involves some sort of prearranged meeting between government representatives to work on issues that are agreed, on agreed agendas?</p> <p>Mr Paterson—They take a variety of forms. As I have indicated, I am not in a position to comment on matters associated with the minister’s schedule in relation to this meeting.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—So you are telling me that the question of whether or not our minister is having a bilateral with another country as part of that conference is confidential information?</p> <p>Mr Paterson—No, I am saying that I am not in a position to comment on it.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—I am not asking you to comment; I am asking you whether any bilaterals are occurring and, if so, with whom?</p> <p>Mr Paterson—There are bilaterals occurring. I have already indicated that.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—So you will not tell us with whom?</p> <p>Mr Paterson—I cannot tell you with whom because I do not know.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—I am sure that someone inside your department who is</p>				

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			<p>here can tell us that.</p> <p>Mr Paterson—I expect that the people who might be able to answer that question are probably in Darwin.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Let us be clear what we are saying about this matter. Are you telling me that you will not tell me or you cannot tell me?</p> <p>Mr Paterson—I am telling you I cannot tell you.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—And there is no officer here who can tell me?</p> <p>Mr Paterson—Not that I am aware of.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Perhaps you will take that question on notice for me, then.</p>				
BI-121	Evans	28/05/2007	<p><i>Renewable energy development initiative</i></p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Do you have a list of the projects that you have approved so far?</p> <p>Mr Peel—Yes, we do.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Can I get that on notice, or if you have it here, perhaps now?</p> <p>Mr Peel—I cannot give it to you here because it has my notes all over it.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—That would be even better!</p> <p>Mr Peel—But it is on our website. It is on the AusIndustry website and certainly we can provide it to you on notice.</p>	E116	19/02/2008	19/02/2008	
BI-122	Carr	28/05/2007	<p><i>Textiles, clothing and footwear structural adjustment package – Blundstone advice</i></p> <p>Senator CARR—Can you advise the committee as to whether or not Mr Macfarlane sought any advice from the department on options for consideration of this application?</p> <p>Mr Payne—We did provide advice to our minister on the issues raised, or on</p>	E55	19/02/2008	19/02/2008	

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			<p>Blundstone's application. So, yes, we did provide advice to him.</p> <p>Senator CARR—Can you tell me the date on which that advice was provided?</p> <p>CHAIR—Again, it is within the confines of that advice to government.</p> <p>Senator CARR—No, I can ask whether advice has been sought and the date on which that was sought.</p> <p>CHAIR—I think that advice and the date it is given is advice to—</p> <p>Senator CARR—I am not asking about the nature of the advice.</p> <p>CHAIR—Let me finish, thank you: I do not think that is a question they should be required to answer.</p> <p>Senator Minchin—I do not recall it being normal practice to keep dates on which internal advice is given to ministers.</p> <p>Senator CARR—Yes, it is.</p> <p>Senator Minchin—It may have been proffered on particular occasions, but it is not normal.</p> <p>Senator CARR—Dates on which decisions are made, dates on which advice is sought—that sort of thing—is not an uncommon feature of these committees. Obviously, there is clearly a question about the content of that advice, but the date on which it was provided—</p> <p>Senator Minchin—No, I do not think that is usual. It is not unusual to acknowledge advice was given, but never to go to the content of it—</p> <p>Senator CARR—No, it is not the content; the date on which it was provided.</p> <p>Senator Minchin—No, that is not normal. Anyway, the minister can consider that, if you accept it on notice.</p>				
BI-123	O'Brien	28/05/2007	<p><i>Tourism Australia website</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—There was a previous answer by Minister Bailey regarding the Tourism Australia website which stated that in the 12-month period from 1 February 2006 to 1 February 2007 there were 6.9 million hits to australia.com and also 1.5 million visits to the dedicated campaign website, but it then concluded that the total number of visits to Tourism Australia websites over the period was</p>	E91-E92	20/02/2008	20/02/2008	

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			<p>7.4 million. Those figures do not add up, so I was hoping you would explain them for me?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—I would have to look at that and try to understand those two areas. One could be about whether you measure it in unique visitors or whether you measured it in total visitation. I am not sure. I would have to look at those numbers and try to explain that.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—I take it Tourism Australia has the numbers of hits by countries?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—Correct.</p>				
BI-124	O'Brien	28/05/2007	<p>Tourism Australia marketing</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—What about the global programs including activities with National Geographic and Discovery Channel such as the Great Australian Outback Cattle Drive and similar activities? Were any of those activities performed in 2006-07?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—Yes, but they are ongoing.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—How much has been expended to date in 2006-07?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—I have not got that with me at this point.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—How long will it take to get that information?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—Do you want the year-to-date spend on those activities?</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Yes.</p> <p>Mr Buckley—I think that it would take a couple of weeks to check it through.</p> <p>Mr Noonan—In the answer I referred to earlier, AI-46, to Senator Stephens's questions last time, the answer provided by Tourism Australia drew attention to the fact that a lot of the resources for these programs—perhaps not all but a lot of them—are split across projects, teams and indeed across regions, so it was very difficult to provide a breakdown of expenditure of budget across every program. Mr Buckley also referred to the commercial sensitivity of some aspects of it, particularly where we are competing with other national tourism organisations' marketing activities.</p>	E72	20/02/2008	20/02/2008	

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			<p>Senator O'BRIEN—This is about expenditure of public money. There is nothing in the estimates process that allows for the refusal to answer questions without a very clear statement about it failing the public interest test. I hear nothing in your comments that indicates it is the subject of public interest immunity.</p> <p>Mr Noonan—I was not suggesting that. I was just referring to an answer to what seems to be a similar question to the one that you are now asking. There was a breakdown of expenditure given in that answer. It was under the output structure rather than by reference to particular programs, presumably for the reasons that the answer advanced.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—It may be that there is an endeavour not to answer the question directly, but I do not think that is acceptable. That is why I am raising this issue now. The answer to question 3079 does not answer the question in either of its parts. As I have indicated, part one was about activities in 2006-07 arising from the portfolio budget statement of 2006-07, and the answer contained a range of events recited for 2005-06.</p> <p>Mr Noonan—I cannot comment on answer 3079, but it looks as if all we could do would be to take on notice the question that you now raise and do what we can to answer it.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—It is taking on notice a question on notice that has already not been answered. What assurance can we have that we are going to get an answer? I am hearing about another question that has been sitting in the minister's office since March.</p>				
BI-125	O'Brien	28/05/2007	<p>Tourism Australia marketing</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—You would have budgets for things like the Caravan Safari Trails, the National Landscapes program, the Aussie Specialists Program and Aussie Enthusiasts Program?</p> <p>Mr Hopwood—Correct.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—G' day USA, as it is now called?</p> <p>Mr Hopwood—Yes.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—The Visiting Journalists Program?</p>	E74 & E76-E77	20/02/2008	20/02/2008	

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			<p>Mr Hopwood—Yes.</p> <p>Senator O’BRIEN—No Leave, No Life?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—Yes. It is as a single project.</p> <p>Senator O’BRIEN—Why can we not have those?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator O’BRIEN—Can you update this schedule at the completion of your budget process?</p> <p>Mr Mackey—Yes.</p> <p>Mr Buckley—Yes.</p> <p>Senator O’BRIEN—In relation to the projects that sit under each program, I take it that you can give us the detail of which projects sit under which program—and identifying which one?</p> <p>Mr Hopwood—Yes.</p> <p>Senator O’BRIEN—Can you identify the project cost for each one of those projects?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—Yes, we do that.</p> <p>Mr Hopwood—Yes.</p> <p>Senator O’BRIEN—Can you do that for this committee?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—We can. It is a lot of detail.</p> <p>Senator O’BRIEN—I would appreciate it if you would. I think we have been trying to get that information for a little while.</p> <p>Mr Buckley—That is for 2007-08?</p> <p>Senator O’BRIEN—Yes, and, if it exists, for 2006-07 as well. I am taking it from your answers that you have not yet made any decisions about 2008-09 or 2009-10?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—That is correct.</p> <p>Senator O’BRIEN—But you would be able to tell us what your global budget is for those years?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—Which budget?</p>				

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			<p>Senator O'BRIEN—Global.</p> <p>Mr Buckley—Global budget, yes, certainly. We have an allocation for that, although we have not done estimates in terms of gross. We have not taken the revenue out that far.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—So it will be the net figure only?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—Yes, it would be the net figure only.</p>				