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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Domestic Tourism arrivals

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Senator Joyce asked:

Senator JOYCE—Of the 74 per cent of domestic tourism to areas such as North Queensland, how many arrive by air?

Ms Madden—I do not have that breakdown available, I am sorry.

Senator Sherry—We will take it on notice.

Senator JOYCE—You will take that on notice.

Senator Sherry—We might include Tasmania in there as well, if you do not mind.

Senator JOYCE—Absolutely. I will take Tasmania.

Senator Sherry—And boat arrivals. We are happy to take that on notice as well.

Senator JOYCE—Can we have on notice how much arrives via air to Tasmania, North Queensland, the Gold Coast, the Northern Territory, Kakadu and Alice Springs?

Senator Sherry—Any other regional centres? South Australia? Perth? Why don't we give you a comprehensive list? I am happy to take it on notice and we will give you a comprehensive list.

Senator JOYCE—Let us start with those.

Senator RONALDSON—Do Perth and Adelaide think they are regional centres, by the way?

Senator JOYCE—We can start with those.

Senator Sherry—Let me correct the record here. Senator Joyce asked about regional and I indicated we were happy to provide all-encompassing information on regional travel. Perth—

Senator JOYCE—I suggested regional. He suggested Tasmania. I said, ‘Tasmania is regional?’

Senator Sherry—And we will add Perth, South Australia and regional travel in each of those states, if that is what you want and get the information for you. I am happy to oblige.

Answer:

The table below identifies the total number and percentage of Australian tourists that arrived at the requested destinations by air for the year ending March 2009.

There is no reliable data available for Kakadu.

Domestic tourist arrivals by air - year ending March 2009

Region	Arrivals by air	Percentage of total domestic trips to the region that arrive by air
Northern Queensland	914,000	40.3
Tasmania	667,000	36.8
Gold Coast	1,188,000	36.7
Northern Territory	607,000	56.4
Alice Springs	119,000	52.6
Perth	918,000	33.6
South Australia	1,153,000	24.2

Source: National Visitor Survey, Tourism Research Australia