

Senate Standing Committee on Economics**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

Budget Senate Estimates

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Question: **BR30**
Topic: **Costing of Tourism Research Australia**
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Senator Bushby asked:

Senator BUSHBY—How much does it cost to run, all up?

Ms Rose—From memory, the revenue from other sources is about \$2 million a year. If you bear with me, I will see if I can find a more accurate figure.

Senator BUSHBY—Okay. While you are looking, in case it is somewhere nearby, are you able to tell me how many people are employed by Tourism Research Australia?

Ms Rose—Twenty-one.

Senator BUSHBY—Are there any current plans to change either the level of expenditure involved with TRA or the numbers employed by it?

Ms Rose—No, Senator.

Senator BUSHBY—You are just looking up that figure?

Ms Rose—I will have to take it on notice; my apologies.

Answer:

Total running costs for Tourism Research Australia activities in 2010/11 are estimated at around \$8.55 million, and are comprised as follows:

| Item | Amount (2010/11) |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Appropriation (see note below) | \$5.551m |
| External Revenue - STOs (Contributions from State/Territory tourism organisations towards tourism surveys, State Tourism Satellite Accounts and CGE Modelling) | \$2.894m |
| External Revenue – Other (TRA Online subscription fees, purchase of TRA data) | \$0.105m |
| Total | \$8.550m |