

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

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Senator Bushby asked:

Senator BUSHBY: You say you have an improvement in your budget for next year. How does that compare with your historical budget, particularly since the last year of the Coalition government, say 2007? Are you back to where you were?

Mr McEvoy: I think we have taken this one on notice before. I might take it on notice and give you the answer, looking back to 2007 onwards.

Senator Sherry: That is a long time ago.

Senator BUSHBY: It was a long time ago but the value of the dollar—

Senator Sherry: A lot of estimates ago too.

Senator BUSHBY: The value of the dollar today is almost certainly less than it was in 2007. I suspect you may have had a higher budget, even in 2007 dollars, than you do now. If you could take that on notice.

Mr McEvoy: I do not have that before me. I would be happy, on notice, to provide that.

Answer:

Tourism Australia's appropriations since 2006-07 are as follows:

2006-07: \$133,845,000

2007-08: \$135,642,000

2008-09: \$137,559,000

2009-10: \$141,622,000

2010-11: \$126,920,000 (This includes the effect of the \$9 million bring forward and the transfer of Tourism Research Australia.)

2011-12: \$132,821,000

The above amounts do not factor in the variable buying power of the Australian dollar or industry contributions.