

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

Budget Estimates

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Topic: Tourism Related Initiatives and Management

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Senator Ronaldson asked:

1. Regarding Program 3 (Tourism Related Initiatives and Management) within the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism:
 - a. What is the number of full time, part time, casual and total staff currently employed in this program?
 - b. What is the current number of salary bands available, including for the SES?
 - c. What are the current salary ranges for each salary band?
 - d. What is the total cost of staffing expenses for:
 - i. 2011-12; and
 - ii. 2012-13?
 - e. In dollar terms, what proportion of the Program Support funding was, and is, allocated to the implementation of the National Long-Term Tourism Strategy for:
 - i. 2011-12;
 - ii. 2012-13;
 - iii. 2013-14;
 - iv. 2014-15; and
 - v. 2015-16?
 - f. In percentage terms, what proportion of the Program Support funding was, and is, allocated to the implementation of the National Long-Term Tourism Strategy for:
 - i. 2011-12;
 - ii. 2012-13;
 - iii. 2013-14;
 - iv. 2014-15; and
 - v. 2015-16?
 - g. How much of the Government's \$6 million election commitment for the National Long-Term Tourism Strategy was, and will be, allocated in:
 - i. 2010-11;
 - ii. 2011-12;
 - iii. 2012-13;
 - iv. 2013-14;
 - v. 2014-15;
 - vi. 2015-16; and
 - vii. outside the forward estimates?

- h. How will the Government's \$6 million election commitment for the National Long-Term Tourism Strategy be allocated for each working group?
- i. For each of the following working groups in the National Long-Term Tourism Strategy, what is: i) the total funding available for each working group or stream (through the Tourism Ministers' Council); and ii) the Commonwealth's contribution, for:
- i. Destination Management Planning Working Group (for 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16);
 - ii. Digital Distribution Working Group (for 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16);
 - iii. Indigenous Tourism Working Group (for 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16);
 - iv. Industry Resilience Working Group (for 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16);
 - v. Investment and Regulatory Reform Working Group (for 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16);
 - vi. Labour and Skills Working Group (for 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16);
 - vii. Research and Development Advisory Board (for 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16);
 - viii. Tourism Access Working Group (for 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16); and
 - ix. Tourism Quality Council of Australia (for 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16)?

Answer:

- a. As at 4 June 2013, a total of 82 (operative) staff were employed by the Tourism Division, comprising:
- i. 64 full-time staff.
 - ii. 9 part-time staff.
 - iii. 9 casual staff (of these, 6 were full-time and 3 were part-time).
- b-c. Tourism Division can employ staff ranging from APS2 to SES Band 2. Salary ranges for these classifications are outlined below.

Classification	Salary Range
APS2	\$46,680 - \$52,467
APS3	\$53,166 - \$58,204
APS4	\$59,256 - \$65,098
APS5	\$66,092 - \$70,744
APS6	\$72,729 - \$83,106
Executive Level 1	\$92,117 - \$100,814
Executive Level 2	\$112,427 - \$127,232
SES Band 1	\$150,000 - \$212,000
SES Band 2	\$213,000 - \$265,000

- d. i. Employee expenses for Tourism Division in 2011-12 were \$9.16 million.
- ii. Employee expenses for Tourism Division in 2012-13 (as at May 2013) were \$8.61 million.

e-f. Consistent with broader Australian Public Service practice, the Tourism Division's operating budget is applied flexibly to meet ongoing and emerging priorities. Implementation of the National Long-Term Tourism Strategy underpins much of the work undertaken within the Division.

- g. i. 2010-11 \$nil.
 ii. 2011-12 \$1.4 million.
 iii. 2012-13 \$1.4 million.
 iv. 2013-14 \$1.4 million.
 v. 2014-15 \$1.8 million.
 vi. 2015-16 \$nil.

(No funding has been allocated outside the forward estimates.)

h. The allocation of funds to the National Long-Term Tourism Strategy working groups under Tourism 2020 is determined by Tourism Ministers, with some funds retained by the Department to support the implementation of the Strategy.

i. An outline of funding provided to the National Long-Term Tourism Strategy working groups since 2010- 11 is provided in the table below. Funding is shared on a 50-50 basis between the Commonwealth and the states and territories. No additional funds have been allocated to working groups beyond 2012-13 at this stage. Working group activities in 2013/14 will be funded from underspending within the existing allocation.

Working Groups	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13	
	Funding Allocation	Commonwealth Contribution	Funding Allocation	Commonwealth Contribution	Funding Allocation	Commonwealth Contribution
(i) Destination Management Planning Working Group	\$110,046	\$55,023	\$127,197	\$63,599	\$36,136	\$18,068
(ii) Digital Distribution Working Group	\$143,243	\$71,622	\$-	\$-	\$401,215	\$200,608
(iii) Indigenous Tourism Working Group	\$3,789	\$1,895	\$47,472	\$23,736	\$180,160	\$90,080
(iv) Resilience Working Group	\$133,589	\$66,795	\$99,700	\$49,850	\$60,000	\$30,000
(v) Investment and Regulatory Reform Working Group	\$660,303	\$302,810	\$195,792	\$75,662	\$99,560	\$49,780
(vi) Labour and Skills Working Group	\$70,095	\$35,048	\$263,776	\$131,888	\$1,126,037	\$563,019
(vii) Tourism Research Advisory Board	\$70,340	\$35,170	\$41,581	\$20,791	\$772,150	\$386,075
(viii) Tourism Access Working Group	\$94,799	\$47,400	\$132,338	\$66,169	\$47,000	\$23,500
(ix) Tourism Quality Council of Australia	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$25,000
Total	\$1,386,204	\$665,761	\$957,856	\$456,694	\$2,772,258	\$1,386,129