

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

Budget Estimates

4 June 2013

Question: BR28
Topic: Tourism Policy Advice
Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ronaldson asked:

Regarding the Department's commitment to deliver the provision of accurate, timely and effective policy advice to the Minister and Government on tourism related issues:

- a. What is the number of speeches the Department has drafted for the Minister's use?
- b. What is the number of speeches the Department has drafted for the use of other Government Members of Parliament or Staff?
- c. Can you please list all Government Members of Parliament who have had speeches drafted by the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism?
- d. What is the number of media releases the Department has drafted for the Minister's use?
- e. What is the number of media releases the Department has drafted for the use of other Government Members of Parliament or Staff?
- f. Can you please list all Government Members of Parliament who have had media releases drafted by the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism?
- g. What was, and is so far, the total number of briefing notes that have been sent to the Minister's office from the Tourism Division in:
 - i. 2008-09;
 - ii. 2009-10;
 - iii. 2010-11;
 - iv. 2011-12; and
 - v. 2012-13?

Answer:

- a. For the 2012-13 financial year to date the Department has drafted 52 speeches.
- b. The Department only drafts speeches to support ministers' relevant portfolio responsibilities.

On occasion the portfolio minister may be unable to deliver the speech and the Department is aware that some of these speaking responsibilities are then allocated to other Members of Parliament for the purpose of representing the minister.

- c. The Department does not keep a record of Members of Parliament who may deliver speeches on behalf of the Minister
- d. For the 2012-13 financial year to date the department has drafted 150 media releases.
- e. The Department drafts media releases to support ministers' relevant portfolio responsibilities.

On occasion the portfolio minister may distribute a media release drafted by the Department to other Members of Parliament for the purpose of communicating a portfolio initiative relevant to a particular community.

- f. The Department does not keep a record of other Members of Parliament who may issue a media release based on the Department's portfolio responsibilities
- g.
 - i. 777
 - ii. 830
 - iii. 665
 - iv. 751
 - v. 587