

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

Budget Estimates

4 June 2013

Question: BR44

Topic: Tourism Research Australia - TRA budget and staffing

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Senator Ronaldson asked:

Regarding Tourism Research Australia:

- a. What was, and is, the total operating budget for:
 - i. 2011-12;
 - ii. 2012-13;
 - iii. 2013-14;
 - iv. 2014-15; and
 - v. 2015-16?
- b. Of that total budget, what was, and is, the Commonwealth contribution for:
 - i. 2011-12;
 - ii. 2012-13;
 - iii. 2013-14;
 - iv. 2014-15; and
 - v. 2015-16?
- c. Of that total budget, what was, and is, the contribution of State Tourism Organisations for:
 - i. 2011-12;
 - ii. 2012-13;
 - iii. 2013-14;
 - iv. 2014-15; and
 - v. 2015-16?
- d. Of that total budget, what was, and is, the other external revenue for:
 - i. 2011-12;
 - ii. 2012-13;
 - iii. 2013-14;
 - iv. 2014-15; and
 - v. 2015-16?
- e. What are the numbers of full time, part time, casual and total staff currently employed?
- f. What are the current numbers of salary bands available, including for the SES?
- g. What are the current salary ranges for each salary band?
- h. What was, and is, the total cost of staffing expenses for:
 - i. 2011-12; and
 - ii. 2012-13?

Answer:

- (a) (i) TRA operating budget in 2011-12 - \$8.37 million.
(ii) TRA operating budget in 2012-13 - \$9.87 million.
TRA operating budgets beyond 2012-13 have not been determined at this stage.
- (b-d) A breakdown of TRA operating budgets for 2011-12 and 2012-13 is provided below.

2011-12	
Commonwealth Appropriation	\$5.37 m
States and Territories	\$2.88 m
Other External Revenue	\$0.12 m
Total	\$8.37 m
2012-13	
Commonwealth Appropriation	\$6.97 m
States and Territories	\$2.77 m
Other External Revenue	\$0.13 m
Total	\$9.87 m

- (e) As at 4 June 2013, a total of 24 staff were employed by TRA. A staffing break down is provided below.
- (i) 20 full-time staff.
(ii) 2 part-time staff.
(iii) 2 casual staff (1 working full-time and 1 working part-time).
- (f-g) Tourism Research Australia can employ staff ranging from APS2 to SES Band 1. 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

- (h) Employee expenses for Tourism Research Australia in 2011-12 were \$2.73 million. Employee expenses for Tourism Research Australia in 2012-13 (as at May 2013) were \$2.68 million.