

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES  
**TOPIC:** INVEST AUSTRALIA  
**REFERENCE:** WRITTEN QUESTION

**QUESTION No.SI-25**

**Senator Carr** asked:

How much rent is paid on office accommodation?

**ANSWER**

(Hansard 1/11/06, p.44)

For 2006-07, we expect to pay \$0.634m in respect of our rent for the overseas posts. The rental for Canberra and Sydney is not readily available because it is included in overall departmental rent expenditure.

**QUESTION No.SI-26**

**Senator Carr** asked:

Please provide a breakdown of staffing levels within Invest Australia since 2000-01 to the present?

- Include the breakdown of Axis Australia within this
- Provide staff numbers by location.

**ANSWER**

(Hansard 1/11/06, p.44-45)

In 2006-07, we have budgeted for 66 people in Canberra, 29 in Sydney, two in London, two in Paris, five in Frankfurt, one in Dubai, 0.5 in New Delhi, one in Mumbai, two in Singapore, one in Guangzhou, 4.5 in Shanghai, two in Beijing, five in Tokyo, five in San Francisco, three in New York and, from January 2007, one in Seoul. Of those numbers, 12 staff work in Axiss in Sydney and there is one dedicated financial services specialist in our New York office and one in our London office.

It is not really meaningful to provide a breakdown from 2000-01, given the organisational changes that have occurred over that time, with some offices closing, some offices opening and the incorporation of activities from other departments into Invest Australia over that time. But it is fair to say that numbers have significantly increased since 2000-01.

**QUESTION No.SI-27**

**Senator Carr** asked:

Please provide estimates of staffing levels over the forward estimates period?

- Include a breakdown of Axiss Australia within this
- Provide staff numbers by location.

**ANSWER**

(Hansard 1/11/06, p.45)

At this stage, staff numbers in the forward years are not expected to vary significantly from the numbers I just read out.