

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio
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Question: SR-4
Topic: Australian Tourism Development Program
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Senator Ronaldson asked:

The Government will reduce funding to the Australian Tourism Development Program (ADTP), and will focus the program on project with greater community benefits. Funding of 6.5 million in 2008-09, \$4.0 million in 2009-10 and \$4.0 in 2010-11 will be retained to provide competitive, merit-based grants to tourism projects across Australia, including election commitments and projects that promote tourism development for Indigenous communities and in drought-affected areas of regional Australia.

What analysis or investigations were conducted or undertaken by the Department of Energy, Resources and Tourism to determine what impact cutting funding for ATDP would have on tourist dispersal?

Answer:

The Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism did not conduct analysis or investigation on the impact of cutting funding for the Australian Tourism Development Program on the impact on tourist dispersal.