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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Australian Astronomical Observatory

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No: SI-131

For the Australian Astronomical Observatory please provide:

1. the 2012-13 updated budget outcome for this program
2. Current forward estimates for 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17
3. What the breakdown of these estimates is between administered and Departmental costs?
4. How many FTE staff positions are allocated to the running of the Australian Astronomical Observatory?

ANSWER

1. Actual administered expenditure for 2012-13 was \$1.5 million.
2. For the administered program expenses refer to the table on page 66 of the *Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio Budget Statements 2013-14*, unless the program was impacted by measures reported in the 2013-14 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook, whereby the revised program estimates will be available in the Industry Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2013-14.
3. The estimates referenced in answer 2 are for administered expenses only. The Department does not generally maintain details of the breakdown of departmental costs by program.
4. Allocation of staff to departmental programmes is not available as staff work on multiple programmes and tasks depending on priorities and workload.