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Senator Carr asked on 14 February 2007, EWRE Hansard page 76.

Question:

Additional Funds

Senator CARR— What additional measures can government take to assist you to secure additional funds to expand your programs?

Prof. Durrant— I would love the opportunity to write an answer to that because I think there are quite a lot of things.

Senator CARR— Would you like to take that on notice?

Prof. Durrant— I would, because it is a very, very big and a very important question. It is not just Questacon. It affects the whole of the cultural agencies and, indeed, sporting life and many other areas.

Answer:

Questacon has provided the following response:

Additional Funds

Sponsorship of Questacon outreach programmes is a partnership with the private sector. Government support and profile for Questacon's core programmes is essential to enable Questacon to attract private sector support. Questacon enjoys deductible gift recipient status, granted by the Australian Tax Office. This measure allows individuals or organisations to make unspecified tax free donations to Questacon, where there is no material return to the donor. Questacon receives significant support from the Department and the Questacon Council also assists in promoting Questacon's activities more broadly and in identifying possible further initiatives.