

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: All Outcomes
Output Group: All Output Groups

DEST Question No. E145_04

Senator Campbell asked on 4 June 2003

Question:

- 1) What public (Commonwealth) funds were provided to the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) and/or to its constituents State bodies for each of the financial years 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-01, 2001-02? Please list funds in breakdowns by listed Department, agency, statutory body or other administering organisation.
- 2) For what purpose were these funds provided?
- 3) To what extent were these purposes achieved and how was that determined?

Answer:

ANTA provided the following response:

ANTA provides Commonwealth funds to ACCI for a number of different purposes. A summary is in the following table.

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Project management fees						60,500
Industry forums	100			46,500	10,769.50	
Advertising	1,180					
Travel	14,477.61	5,726.21		13,795.04	28,417.63	42,176.25
Sitting fees	2,060.12	1,466	3,615	6,031.50	10,829.19	7,626.30
TOTAL	17,817.73	7,192.21	3,615.00	66,326.54	50,016.32	110,302.55

These are outlined by purpose below.

Project Management fees

1. Lifelong learning

An amount of \$60,500 was provided in 2001/02 for an Australian case study into lifelong learning development and best practice experiences. This project was a joint undertaking between ACTU, ACCI and ANTA with ACCI being the financially responsible partner. The outcome was the publication 'Lifelong learning and the world of work: CEET's surveys for ACCI, ACTU and ANTA'.

The project was successful because the research was published and distributed and conditions of the contract were met.

Industry forums

ANTA has provided funding for ACCI to host 4 industry forums as follows:

- Small business forum
- Australian training system communication forum in SA
- Engaging industry networking and forums across the NT
- Engaging industry networking and forums in WA

The forums were successful because the forums were widely attended by industry representatives.

Advertising

3 advertisements have been placed in ACCI related publications:

- Australian training system communication forum

Travel

ACCI is involved in a large number of steering committees and reference groups hosted by ANTA. The role of these groups is to agree on progress with policy issues and implementation. Industry, through ACCI and other industry groups, is an important stakeholder within vocational education and training. ANTA reimburses ACCI for the cost of their travel to attend meetings.

Sitting fees

Sitting fees are paid to ACCI where one of their staff members sits on the ANTA Board or sub-committees of the ANTA Board. ANTA has paid sitting fees on behalf of the following people:

- Mark Paterson – ANTA Board member
- Gary Collins – National Training Quality Council
- Steve Balzary – National Training Quality Council
- Karen Flick – Australian Indigenous Training Advisory Council