

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
INSOLVENCY AND TRUSTEE SERVICE AUSTRALIA

Question No. 80

Senator Ludwig asked the following questions at the hearing on 16 February 2004:

Could you provide a list of all administered programmes in ITSA, including:

- A description of the programme;
- number of people directly receiving funds/assistance under the programme;
- a breakdown on those receiving funds/assistance under the programme by electorate;
- the policy objective of the programme;
- whether the programme is ongoing;
- the funding in each financial year of the forward estimates for the programme (with a breakdown of administered and departmental expenses), including:
 - how much funding was allocated for the programme;
 - how much is committed to the programme; and
 - how much is unspent.
- indication of whether an evaluation of the programme effectiveness has been conducted:
 - if so, when that evaluation occurred; and
 - if so, the conclusion of that evaluation.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

Not applicable – The Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia has no administered programmes.

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Question No. 81

Senator Ludwig asked the following questions at the hearing on 16 February 2004:

How many Senior Executive Officers (or equivalent) were employed in the ITSA in 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-00, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

The Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia (ITSA) commenced operation as an independent agency on 1 July 2000.

Number of Senior Executive Officers (or equivalent):

2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-31/1/04
6	5	5	5

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Question No. 82

Senator Ludwig asked the following questions at the hearing on 16 February 2004:

What was the base and top (including performance pay) wages of APS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (or equivalent), Executive Level 1 and 2 (or equivalent), and SES band 1, band 2 and band 3 (or equivalent) in ITSA in 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-00, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

The Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia (ITSA) commenced operation as an independent agency on 1 July 2000.

Base and top wages for each wage band:

	2000-01		2001-02		2002-03		2003-2004	
	Base	Top	Base	Top	Base	Top	Base	Top
APS 1	26,392	29,169	27,448	30,336	29,095	32,156	30,259	33,442
APS 2	29,868	33,121	31,063	34,446	32,927	36,513	34,244	37,973
APS 3	34,020	36,717	35,381	38,186	37,504	40,477	39,004	42,096
APS 4	37,917	41,168	39,434	42,815	41,800	45,384	43,472	47,199
APS5	42,291	44,844	43,983	46,638	46,622	50,354	48,487	52,368
APS6	45,677	52,470	47,504	54,569	51,607	57,843	53,671	60,157
EL1	58,556	63,230	60,898	74,098	61,480	78,544	63,939	81,686
EL2	67,536	79,128	70,237	82,293	74,451	87,231	77,429	90,720
SES band 1	75,285	96,000	78,295	99,840	86,863	109,700	90,337	114,088
SES band 2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
SES band 3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

ITSA has no Band 2 or Band 3 positions.

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Question No. 83

Senator Ludwig asked the following questions at the hearing on 16 February 2004:

What was the average salary for an SES (or equivalent) in ITSA in 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-00, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

ITSA commenced operation as an independent agency on 1 July 2000.

Average salary for an SES employee in ITSA:

2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-31/1/04
\$92,930	\$96,425	\$101,487	\$105,546

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Question No. 84

Senator Ludwig asked the following questions at the hearing on 16 February 2004:

How many staff had mobile phones issued by ITSA in 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-00, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 to date.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

ITSA commenced operation as an independent agency on 1 July 2000.

Number of staff with mobile phones:

2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-31/1/04
33	42	43	54

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Question No. 85

Senator Ludwig asked the following questions at the hearing on 16 February 2004:

What was the total mobile phone bill for ITSA in 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-00, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 to date.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

ITSA commenced operation as an independent agency on 1 July 2000.

Mobile phone bill from 2000-01 to date:

2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-31/1/04
\$11,808	\$15,730	\$19,214	\$12,233

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Question No. 86

Senator Ludwig asked the following questions at the hearing on 16 February 2004:

How many SES (or equivalent) were issued with cars in ITSA in 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-00, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

ITSA commenced operation as an independent agency on 1 July 2000.

Number of SES employees issued with cars:

2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-31/1/04
5	5	5	4

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Question No. 87

Senator Ludwig asked the following questions at the hearing on 16 February 2004:

Could you please list all ‘management retreats/training’ conducted by ITSA which were attended by employees during 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 to date. For such meetings held off-site (from the OFPC), Could you please indicate:

- where (location and hotel) and when they were held;
- how much was spent in total;
- how much was spent on accommodation;
- how much was spent on food;
- how much was spent alcohol/drinks; and
- how much was spent on transport.

The answer to the honourable senator’s question is as follows:

Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia commenced operation as an independent agency on 1 July 2000.

Senior management retreats for planning purposes:

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-31/1/04
Location & Hotel	SA – Tanunda March 2001*	VIC – Lancemore Hill March 2002	NSW – Coogee March 2003	2004 Planning Workshop to be held mid March 2004
Total Spent	*	\$22,317	\$27,673	
Accommodation	*	\$11,867**	\$9,158	
Food	*	**	\$3,811***	
Alcohol/Drinks	*	\$1,288	***	
Transport	*	\$9,088	\$6,915	
Venue Hire/other****	*	\$74	\$7,789	

*Information for this year cannot be provided as the information was recorded on another financial system. Although expenditure records for that year are held, information contained is not specific enough to extract the desired level of detail.

**Accommodation & food was a package deal and not separated on the invoice.

***Food and beverages was a banquet package deal

****Includes venue hire, conference convenor, hire of equipment.

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Question No. 88

Senator Ludwig asked the following questions at the hearing on 16 February 2004:

How many overseas trips were taken by employees in ITSA in 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-00, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 to date.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

ITSA commenced operation as an independent agency on 1 July 2000.

Number of overseas trips taken by employees in ITSA:

2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-29/2/04
1	5	6	2

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Question No. 89

Senator Ludwig asked the following questions at the hearing on 16 February 2004:

What were the destinations of each of these overseas trips.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

ITSA commenced operation as an independent agency on 1 July 2000.

Destinations of overseas trips by employees of ITSA:

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-29/2/04
Destinations	London	Indonesia x 2 New Zealand x 3	Beijing x 2 Singapore x 2 USA x 2	Delhi and Colombo x 2

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Question No. 90

Senator Ludwig asked the following questions at the hearing on 16 February 2004:

What was the total cost of overseas trips of staff for by ITSA in 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-00, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 to date.

- With a breakdown on the cost of accommodation allowances, food allowances and airflights.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

ITSA commenced operation as an independent agency on 1 July 2000.

Cost of overseas trips of staff for ITSA:

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-29/2/04
Total cost	\$12,381	\$20,461	\$46,471	*
Accommodation allowances	\$3,743	\$3,611	\$13,922	*
Food allowances	\$1,842	\$2,567	\$8,530	*
Airfares	\$6,797	\$14,283	\$24,019	*

* Final accounts not available at 29/2/04

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Question No. 91

Senator Ludwig asked the following questions at the hearing on 16 February 2004:

What was the total cost of domestic trips of staff for by ITSA in 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-00, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 to date.

- With a breakdown on the cost of accommodation allowances, food allowances and airflights.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

ITSA commenced operation as an independent agency on 1 July 2000.

Cost of domestic trips:

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-31/1/04
Total cost domestic	\$346,266	\$409,379	\$515,478	\$301,540
Accommodation	\$73,132	\$91,388	\$79,094	\$63,493
Food allowances	\$85,726	\$99,004	\$85,685	\$68,784
Airfares	\$187,408	\$218,987	\$350,699	\$169,263

Travel allowances are at set rates and include accommodation, meals and incidentals. These items are charged to the same general ledger number and individual figures are not available. They have been separated for this question based on a sample of travel allowances.

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Question No. 92

Senator Ludwig asked the following questions at the hearing on 16 February 2004:

How many overseas trips of Ministerial Staff were paid for by ITSA in 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-00, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 to date.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

ITSA commenced operation as an independent agency on 1 July 2000.

Nil

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Question No. 93

Senator Ludwig asked the following questions at the hearing on 16 February 2004:

What was the total cost of overseas trips of Ministerial Staff paid for by ITSA in 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-00, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 to date.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

ITSA commenced operation as an independent agency on 1 July 2000.

Nil

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Question No. 94

Senator Ludwig asked the following questions at the hearing on 16 February 2004:

How much was spent on advertising by ITSA in 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-00, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 to date.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

ITSA commenced operation as an independent agency on 1 July 2000.

Amount spent on advertising, other than for recruitment purposes:

2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-31/1/04
\$11,334	\$8,735	\$27,594	\$9,651

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Question No. 95

Senator Ludwig asked the following questions at the hearing on 16 February 2004:

Did ITSA produce publications that provided electorate breakdowns on spending on government programmes in 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-00, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 to date.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

ITSA commenced operation as an independent agency on 1 July 2000.

No publications were produced by ITSA containing spending by electorate breakdown relating to government programs.