

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TRIBUNAL

Question No. 3

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 22 February 2011:

Mr Kellow—Thank you for the opportunity to return to the table. I wanted to respond to Senator Barnett’s query arising from the budgeted expenses and resources in table 2.1 of the statement and to apologise to the committee and advise that there actually is an error in the table which is our responsibility. There was a change in methodology as to how the figures in the table are to be calculated. There is a difference between 2009-10 and 2010-11, and we in error applied the current 2010-11 methodology to our old figures, the 2009-10. The main difference relates to how we treated depreciation and the loss approval that we had in the previous year and how that is reported. The bottom line figure remains the same, but I can give the committee a breakdown as to those three elements and what they should read. The appropriation figure should be \$32.772 million; the section 31 revenue is \$1.122 million; and the expenses not requiring appropriation should be \$1.311 million. I apologise again for the confusion we created with that error.

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Senator BARNETT—All right. If you can set out in a table or in a document what should have been in your budget statement, that would be helpful to the committee. I know you verbally expressed it, but we look at the papers to compare what we have in the budget statements and then we analyse those....So you will do that?

Mr Kellow—Yes, we will.

Senator BARNETT—Thank you.

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

The correct table is set out below.

Table 2.1: Budgeted expenses and resources for Outcome 1

	2009–10	2010–11
	Actual	Revised
Outcome 1: Access to a fair, just, economical, informal and quick review mechanism for applicants through reviews of government administrative decisions, including dispute resolution processes and independent formal hearings	expenses	estimated
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Program 1.1: Administrative Appeals Tribunal		
Departmental expenses		
Ordinary annual services (Appropriation Bills No. 1 & No. 3)	32,772	32,732
Revenues from independent sources (s 31)	1,122	1,085
Expenses not requiring appropriation in the Budget year ¹	1,311	2,366
Total expenses for Outcome 1	35,205	
	2009–10	
Average staffing level (number)	169	

1. Includes \$1.640m in depreciation and amortisation expense in 2010–11.