

**Product Integrity, Animal and Plant Health**  
**Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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Additional Budget Estimates, 15 February 2005

**Question: PIAPH 01**

**Topic: Eradication of the red fire ant - budget**

**Hansard Page: 64**

Senator O'Brien asked:

Is there a budget that the committee could be supplied with that shows the breakdown for the expenditure of that money?

Answer:

The attached Red Imported Fire Ant eradication budget for 2004-05 breaks down expenditure into broad areas including program management, public relations including community awareness, surveillance, treatment and scientific services.

The Australian Government will provide 50% of the budget total in accord with agreed cost sharing with states and territories.

The budget is current to 3 March 2005.

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**Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries**

**2004-05 FIRE ANT ERADICATION BUDGET**

**As at 3-Mar-2005**

ACTIVITIES	2004-05 Revised Budget (Included Carry-overs from 2003-04)				
	Labour \$'000	Non-Labour \$'000	Amortisation \$'000	TOTAL \$'000	FTE
FAE Management	359	391		750	3.00
Public Relations & Training	340	764		1,104	5.0
Community & Industry Engagement	544	119		663	9.0
Information Services	1,067	211	63	1,341	18.5
Scientific Services	851	69		920	12.5
Risk Management and Security	595	48		643	10.3
<b><u>Resources &amp; Administration :</u></b>					
Administration	1,256	1,115		2,371	23.0
Vehicle Management	40	1,434		1,474	1.0
Sites Lease Charges		416		416	
<b>Total Resources &amp; Adminis</b>	<b>1,296</b>	<b>2,965</b>		<b>4,261</b>	<b>24.0</b>
<b><u>Field Operations :</u></b>					
FO Management	103	416		519	1.0
Surveillance	11,427	229		11,656	316.0
Interstate Surveillance		1,380		1,380	
Treatment	4,359	246		4,605	65.0
Aerial Treatment		1,380		1,380	
Ant Baits		4,260		4,260	
<b>Total Field Operations</b>	<b>15,889</b>	<b>7,911</b>		<b>23,800</b>	<b>382.0</b>
<b>TOTAL COST SHARING BUDGET</b>	<b>20,941</b>	<b>12,478</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>33,482</b>	<b>464.3</b>

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**Question: PIAPH 02**

**Topic: APVMA – projected loss**

**Hansard Page: 66**

Senator Heffernan asked:

So you are projecting a \$2.9 million loss for this year?

Answer:

The Board of the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority and stakeholders were advised in June 2004 that, on the basis of actual chemical sales data then available, the projected deficit for the financial year ending 30 June 2005 was approximately \$2.9 Million.

On 25 February 2005 the Board considered the latest projections for both revenue and expenditure for the financial year ending 30 June 2005 as part of the mid-year budget review, and approved a revised projected net operating loss for financial year ending 30 June 2005 of \$1.9 Million.

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**Question: PIAPH 03**

**Topic: APVMA – Number of employees**

**Hansard Page: 66**

Senator Heffernan asked:

So you do not think the organisation has become top-heavy? I noticed in 2001-02 there were 124 employees, which cost \$9.38 million.

Dr Smith—I would have to confirm that, but it sounds about right.  
—And now you have 134?

Dr Smith—I would have to double-check the number of full-time employees, but the organisation has not become top-heavy.

Answer:

The APVMA had 124 employees in 2000-01 (not in 2001-02). In 2003-04 the total number of employees had increased to 134. However, this number represents the total number of employees as at 30 June in each year and includes any temporary employees. The number of full-time employees as 30 June 2004 was 110, and as at 30 June 2001 was 112.

The APVMA removed one layer of management in 2002-03. In 2001-02, the APVMA had a total of 9 senior management staff. In 2003-04, only 7 staff were at this level.

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**Question: PIAPH 04**

**Topic: APVMA**

**Hansard Page: 66**

Senator Heffernan asked:

According to this document, it costs \$1.8 million more to run that side of it than it did for an extra 10 employees. I have some questions here that I will put on notice so you do not have to guess them. How many companies have products registered with the APVMA?

Dr Smith—I would have to take that on notice, but we have some 700 active constituent chemicals approved with the APVMA, and that relates to in excess of 7,500 chemical products.

—Do you have any idea of how many of these companies would have what you would call smaller annual sales, say, less than \$5 million?

Answer:

The total number of companies, as at 15 February 2005, that have products registered with APVAM is 783.

The number of companies, as at 15 February 2005, that have total sales of less than \$5Mil in agvet chemical products registered with APVMA is 748.