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**Transport and Regional Services**

**Question:** CORP 01

**Division/Agency:** Corporate Services

**Topic:** Recruitment Agency Spending

**Hansard Page:** Written Question

**Senator Wong asked:**

What sum was spent on recruitment agencies in 2006 by each Department and Agency in the Minister's portfolio?

**Answer:**

In the financial year to 28 February 2007, the amount spent by the Department on recruitment agencies was \$3,947,605 (excluding GST).

This figure is the total amount paid to employment agencies, which include the provision of recruitment services as part of their business line. The amounts paid to these agencies include payments for a range of services such as: salary related costs for provision of contract staff, assistance with recruitment services, conduct of recruitment campaigns, scribing services and other related services.

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**Question:** CORP 02

**Division/Agency:** Corporate Services

**Topic:** Recruitment Agency Spending

**Hansard Page:** Written Question

**Senator Wong asked:**

Will the Minister provide a list of the recruitment agencies which are used by the Department and Agencies in the Minister's portfolio?

**Answer:**

Recruitment agencies used by the Department in the financial year to 28 February 2007 are listed below:

Adecco Australia Pty Ltd  
Allstaff Australia  
Ambit Group Pty Ltd  
Careers Unlimited  
DATA#3 Ltd  
Effective People Pty Ltd  
Firstwater Pty Ltd  
Hays Personnel Services (Aus) Pty Ltd  
Hudson Global Resources (Aust) Pty Ltd  
Julia Ross Recruitment Pty Ltd  
Kowalski Recruitment  
Link Recruitment  
Patriot Alliance Pty Ltd  
Professional Careers Australia Pty Ltd  
Quadrant Solutions  
Recruitment Management Company  
Rosslogic Pty Ltd  
Select Australasia  
SOS Recruitment  
Spherion Recruitment  
The Green and Green Group Pty Ltd  
The Public Affairs Recruitment  
Verossity Pty Ltd  
Wizard Information Services Pty Ltd  
Wizard Personnel & Office Services

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**Question:** CORP 03

**Division/Agency:** Corporate Services

**Topic:** Recruitment Agency spending

**Hansard Page:** Written Question

**Senator Wong asked:**

What functions do recruitment agencies perform for Departments and what would be the likely impact on departmental outcomes from reduction in recruitment spending on external agencies?

**Answer:**

Recruitment agencies provide a range of services such as: provision of contract staff (for example to meet short-term staff shortages), assistance with recruitment processes, conduct of recruitment campaigns, scribing services and other related services. Departmental outcomes could not be effectively achieved without drawing on these services.

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**Question:** CORP 04

**Division/Agency:** Corporate Services

**Topic:** Recruitment Agency Spending

**Hansard Page:** Written Question

**Senator Wong asked:**

What benefit-cost assessments have been done which benchmark internal recruitment processes and/ or on utilising on line recruitment portals.

**Answer:**

A consultancy on DOTARS recruitment processes was undertaken which recommended that the Department's recruitment processes be changed from a paper-based to an online system to streamline current manual processes.

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**Question:** CORP 05

**Division/Agency:** Corporate Services

**Topic:** Opinion Polls/Market Research

**Hansard Page:** Written Question

**Senator Wong asked:**

What sum was spent on opinion polls, focus groups or market research in 2006 by each Department and Agency in the Minister's portfolio?

**Answer:**

The Department of Transport and Regional Services spent \$299,235.44 (inclusive of GST) on opinion polls, focus groups or market research in the 2006 calendar year.

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**Question:** CORP 06

**Division/Agency:** Corporate Services

**Topic:** Opinion Polls/Market Research

**Hansard Page:** Written Question

**Senator Wong asked:**

Will the Ministers provide a list of the opinion polls, focus groups, or market research agencies what are used by Department and Agencies in the Minister's portfolio?

**Answer:**

The Department of Transport and Regional Services has used the services of the following agencies in the 2006 calendar year:

- Colmar Brunton Social Research Pty Ltd
- The Social Research Centre
- Eureka Strategic Research Pty Ltd
- The Research Forum
- Morris Walker

The following agencies are part of the Department's Communications Services panel and these may at times provide the services above:

- Blue Moon Social Research
- Chant Link and Associates
- Colmar Brunton Social Research Pty Ltd
- DiMazio Research Pty Ltd
- Dsipher Pty Ltd
- New Focus Research
- The Research Forum
- Wallis Consulting Group

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**Question:** CORP 07

**Division/Agency:** Corporate Services

**Topic:** Opinion Polls/Market Research

**Hansard Page:** Written Question

**Senator Wong asked:**

How much of the opinion polls, focus groups or market research expenditure of Agencies or Departments was conducted at the request of the Minister's office?

**Answer:**

None.

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**Question:** CORP 08

**Division/Agency:** Corporate Services

**Topic:** Opinion Polls/Market Research

**Hansard Page:** Written Question

**Senator Wong asked:**

What benefit-cost assessments have been done which assess the returns from opinion polls, focus groups of market research?

**Answer:**

None.



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**Question:** CORP 09

**Division/Agency:** Corporate Services

**Topic:** Advertising Campaigns

**Hansard Page:** Written Question

**Senator Wong asked:**

What sum was spent on each of the active advertising campaigns for each Department and Agency in the Minister's portfolio?

**Answer:**

The Department of Transport and Regional Services did not conduct any advertising campaigns in 2006-07.

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**Question:** CORP 10

**Division/Agency:** Corporate Services

**Topic:** Advertising Campaigns

**Hansard Page:** Written Question

**Senator Wong asked:**

For Campaign Advertising in each Department and Agency in the Minister's portfolio, what is the:

- (a) cost;
- (b) frequency; and
- (c) type/medium (e.g. print, television, radio) of campaign advertising for this financial year?

Can this information be provided on a monthly basis for the financial year?

**Answer:**

The Department of Transport and Regional Services did not conduct any advertising campaigns in 2006-07.

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**Question:** CORP 11

**Division/Agency:** Corporate Services Division

**Topic:** Water Use in Departments and Agencies

**Hansard Page:** Written Question

**Senator Wong asked:**

Is there any requirement to provide details of how much water is used and how much water is saved in the annual reports of each Department and Agency in the Minister's portfolio?

**Answer:**

No.

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**Question:** CORP 12

**Division/Agency:** Corporate Services

**Topic:** Water Use in Departments and Agencies

**Hansard Page:** Written Question

**Senator Wong asked:**

Is water usage monitored for each Department and Agency in the Minister's portfolio?

**Answer:**

Water usage is not monitored in the Minister's Department.

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**Question:** CORP 13

**Division/Agency:** Corporate Services

**Topic:** Water Use in Departments and Agencies

**Hansard Page:** Written Question

**Senator Wong asked:**

What is the water usage for each Department and Agency in the Minister's portfolio?

**Answer:**

The Minister's Department is unable to report on water usage.

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**Question:** CORP 14

**Division/Agency:** Corporate Services

**Topic:** Water Use in Departments and Agencies

**Hansard Page:** Written Question

**Senator Wong asked:**

For each Department and Agency in the Minister's portfolio, can information be provided on whether dual flush toilets are in place in the buildings they occupy?

**Answer:**

Dual flush toilets are installed in eight buildings of the twenty in which the Department has leased accommodation.

Selection of toilet systems is a matter for the lessors.

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**Question:** CORP 15

**Division/Agency:** Corporate Services

**Topic:** Grants

**Hansard Page:** Written Question

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

With regard to all grants allocated by the Department/Agency from 1 January 2002, could a table detailing the following information be provided:

- a. The name of the grant program
- b. The name of the grant recipient
- c. The ABN of the grant recipient (where available)
- d. The value of the grant awarded
- e. The date the grant was awarded
- f. The state of the grant recipient
- g. The postcode of the grant recipient

**Answer:**

Details of grants programmes administered by the Department of Transport and Regional Services are available in the Department's Portfolio Budget Statements, its Annual Reports and website <http://www.dotars.gov.au>.

Within the Department's website, the following links provide additional grant information:

**ATSB Aviation & Road Safety Research Grants**

- <http://www.atsb.gov.au/research/index.aspx>

**Auslink**

- <http://www.auslink.gov.au/funding/r2r/ArchiveSearchR2R.aspx>

**Regional Partnerships**

- [http://dynamic.dotars.gov.au/regional/approved\\_grants/grants\\_regpart.cfm](http://dynamic.dotars.gov.au/regional/approved_grants/grants_regpart.cfm)

**Regional Funding Programme**

- <http://www.dotars.gov.au/regional/funding/agrants.aspx>

**Sustainable Regions**

- <http://www.sustainableregions.gov.au/index.aspx>

**Financial Assistance Grants to Local Governments**

- <http://www.dotars.gov.au/local/assistance/index.aspx>

**Natural Disaster Mitigation Programme**

- [http://www.dotars.gov.au/disasters/ndmp/xls/NDMP\\_Approved\\_Projects.xls](http://www.dotars.gov.au/disasters/ndmp/xls/NDMP_Approved_Projects.xls)

**Regional Flood Mitigation Programme**

- <http://www.dotars.gov.au/disasters/rfmp/projects.aspx>

**Bushfire Mitigation Programme**

<http://www.dotars.gov.au/disasters/bmp/projects/index.aspx>

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**Question:** CORP 16

**Division/Agency:** Corporate Services

**Topic:** Staffing

**Hansard Page:** Written Question

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

For the years 2005-06, please indicate:

1. Not including those employed in policy functions, the number of Full-Time Equivalent positions assigned to the following areas:
  - a. The Australian Transport Safety Bureau;
  - b. The Office of Transport Security;
  - c. The development of technology or programs designed to augment, replace or assist any of the above functions.
2. For each of the categories in (1), please indicate:
  - a. The breakdown of APS classifications for those personnel;
  - b. The total wages cost of all personnel under that category.

**Answers:**

1.
  - a. The number of FTE employees, not including those employed in a policy function, employed in the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) as at 30 June 2006 was 115.7 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) employees.
  - b. The number of FTE employees, not including those employed in a policy function, employed in the Office of Transport Security as at 30 June 2006 was 251 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) employees.
  - c. General administrative support and systems are provided through the Corporate Services Division.



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2.

- a. As at 30 June 2006, the ATSB had the following FTE positions by classification as defined by Question 1:

<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>FTE</b>
APS 1	1.0
GAPSAPS2	2.0
APS 3	1.0
APS 4	7.0
APS 5	16.1
APS 6	11.4
EL 1*	11.6
EL 2*	63.6
SES Band 1	1.0
SES Band 2	1.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115.7</b>

As at 30 June 2006, the OTS had the following FTE positions by classification as defined by Question 1:

<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>FTE</b>
APS 1	0.0
GAPSAPS2	9.0
APS 3	4.0
APS 4	32.0
APS 5	45.0
APS 6	75.0
EL 1*	65.0
EL 2*	17.0
SES Band 1	3.0
SES Band 2	1.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>251.0</b>

- b. For the 2005-06 financial year, the total wages cost for the ATSB was \$11,733,598.

For the 2005-06 financial year, the total wages cost for the OTS was \$24,792,134.

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**Question:** CORP 17

**Division/Agency:** Corporate Services

**Topic:** Official Development Assistance

**Hansard Page:** 5 (15/02/07)

**Senator O'Brien asked:**

**Senator O'BRIEN**—Welcome back to Estimates. I wonder if it would be possible to get a copy of the presentation you just gave us. If we could get it expeditiously, there are a couple of points I want to check before I ask you questions on it. So, if we can get a copy of that quickly, that would be very useful. On an unrelated matter, I want to put a question which I am certain you will take on notice. Could the Department please provide full details of the official development assistance eligible expenditure and activities undertaken by this Department since the financial year 2000-01 to date?

**Mr Taylor**—I am happy to take that on notice

**Answer:**

A document setting out the details requested is **attached**. The details reflect final costs of projects as now identified by the Department. These may at times be different from estimates previously reported by AUSAID.

**[CORP 17 - attachment]**