

Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates May 2006

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Question: INT 01

Division/Agency: International Division

Topic: Free Trade Agreement with China

Hansard Page: 17 (25/05/06)

Senator O'Brien asked:

What is the balance of trade in horticulture products between the countries at the moment?

Answer:

Horticulture products include fresh and processed fruit, nuts and vegetables. In 2004/05 the value of horticulture exports to China was \$110.5 million, the value of horticulture imports from China was \$131.6 million.

Question: INT 02

Division/Agency: International Division

Topic: Free Trade Agreement with China- negotiations

Hansard Page: 18 (25/05/06)

Senator O'Brien asked:

Is it possible to get a list of the seminars conducted and those that are planned?

Answer:

Industry seminars conducted as part of the Australia China Free Trade Agreement include:

Wool (October 2005)

Dairy (March 2006)

Wine (May 2006)

Meat (June 2006)

A sugar industry seminar has been proposed for August 2006.

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Question: INT 03

Division/Agency: International Division

Topic: Funding breakdown under the Australia China Agricultural Technical Cooperation Programme

Hansard Page: 20 (25/05/06)

Senator O'Brien asked:

How much of that money is for the administration of departments and how much for the programs on the ground? So it is not available to fund departmental staff; is that what you are saying?

Answer:

Funding has been provided for programme administration (including staff) and projects as follows:

FUNDING	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Programme Administration	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$500,000	\$530,000
Projects	\$660,000	\$660,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,470,000
TOTAL	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000