

**Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Budget Estimates May 2007

**Transport and Regional Services**

**Question:** CORP 01

**Division/Agency:** Corporate Services

**Topic:** Additional Rent

**Hansard Page:** 7 (21/05/07)

**Senator O'Brien asked:**

**Senator O'BRIEN**—How much in additional rent are you expecting to pay?

**Mr Ash**—I will have to take that on notice.

**Answer:**

An aggregate annual rent expense of \$0.3 million is included in the measures.

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**Question:** CORP 02

**Division/Agency:** Corporate Services

**Topic:** Notional Supplier Expense Estimates for 2007-08

**Hansard Page:** 8 (21/05/07)

**Senator O'Brien asked:**

**Senator O'BRIEN**—Where can we get a breakdown of that figure of \$117.5 million, or can you provide it to us?

**Mr Ash**—We have notional allocations for different classes of expenses under that which are budgeted against. We can give you what we are notionally anticipating, but that is not to say that is what the actual expenses will be. I can give it to you in, say, the top half-dozen to 10 categories.

**Answer:**

The supplier expense estimate for 2007-08 is \$107.5 million as per page 62 of the 2007-08 Portfolio Budget Statements. On the basis of supplier expenses incurred in 2006-07, notional supplier expense estimates for 2007-08 are shown below:

<b>Category</b>	<b>\$m</b>
Service Agreements, Contract Staff and Consultancies	34.0
Property Expenses	24.8
Information Technology and Communications	15.7
Office Requisites and Other	12.1
Travel	11.4
Legal Services	3.9
Training	3.5
Insurance	2.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>107.5</b>

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**Question:** CORP 03

**Division/Agency:** Corporate Services

**Topic:** Allocation for Australia's Aircraft Security Measure

**Hansard Page:** 12 (21/05/07)

**Senator O'Brien asked:**

**Senator O'BRIEN**—There is \$57.1 million to further improve Australia's security measure for international and domestic aircraft; what is therefore the total allocation for that task?

**Mr Ash**—I would have to take that on notice. We will need to add a series of programs together for you, specifically on that. It is the total of all the programs associated with the Office of Transport Security.

**Answer:**

The \$57.1 million comprises the following measures contained on pages 13 and 14 of the 2007-08 Portfolio Budget Statements:

	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$m</b>	<b>\$m</b>	<b>\$m</b>	<b>\$m</b>	<b>\$m</b>
Strengthening National Security	<b>23.9</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>57.1</b>
- accredited air cargo agents scheme	8.4	3.7	3.1	3.4	<b>18.6</b>
- checked baggage screening	9.0	5.7	0.3	0.3	<b>15.3</b>
- enhanced aviation security audit and compliance	5.7	4.2	4.1	4.2	<b>18.2</b>
- international aviation security liaison	0.8	1.3	1.3	1.6	<b>5.0</b>

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**Question:** CORP 04

**Division/Agency:** Corporate Services

**Topic:** Salary for New Staff - OTS Division

**Hansard Page:** 13 (21/05/07)

**Senator O'Brien asked:**

**Senator O'BRIEN**—How many new staff will around \$40 million provide for the Division?

**Mr Tongue**—It is a bit hard to say at this early stage because, as Mr Chandler said, some of it comes off to support corporate functions—all the discussion you have previously been having. I would be guessing, at this early stage—spread over four years.

**Senator O'BRIEN**—How was the figure arrived at?

**Mr Tongue**—I would have to go back to our discussions with the Department of Finance. There will certainly be additional staff. How many that is net, I would have to take on notice and come back to you. I will try and get it for you by the end of the day.

**Senator O'BRIEN**—Is there a budget for this new work that is the basis of the figure?

**Mr Tongue**—If you look at the departmental item—table 2.2—for example, in the checked bag screening measure there is \$7.6 million that is administered and we have allowed \$0.7 million for administration. Of that \$0.7 million, some of it needs to go to corporate services, some of it will go to IT and the remainder will be left for staff.

**Senator O'BRIEN**—But that is only to administer the allocation of the \$12.7 million.

**Mr Tongue**—That is right. It is two or three staff.

**Senator O'BRIEN**—So two or three staff is \$2 million over four years, is it?

**Mr Tongue**—I would have to come back to you at the end of the day and give you the number. It would not be a lot more than that.

**Answer:**

The costings for the new security measures include provision for 24 new staff.

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**Question:** CORP 05

**Division/Agency:** Corporate Services

**Topic:** Natural Disaster Risk Management Studies Programme

**Hansard Page:** 14 (21/05/07)

**Senator O'Brien asked:**

**Senator O'BRIEN**—If it was amalgamated previously, why are we seeing that increase? There is a one-off payment of \$13 million.

**Mr Ash**—That increase to \$43 million is the \$13 million.

**Senator O'BRIEN**—But that still gives a difference of \$8 million.

**Mr Ash**—I will have to take that question on notice.

**Senator O'BRIEN**—And there is nothing in the out years; do you know why that is?

**Mr Ash**—The Government has not made a decision yet on the ongoing nature of the program.

**Ms Page**—I think they are coming up for review in the next budget, Senator, but I will clarify that for you.

**Answer:**

Of the \$8.0m, \$5.0m relates to a movement of funds from 2005-06 to 2007-08 (page 18 of the 2006-07 Portfolio Budget Statements) and \$3.0m relates to a correction to an oversight in the 2003-04 Additional Estimates update associated with the *Natural Disaster Risk Management Studies Programme* when the 2007-08 forward estimate was created.

A programme review is scheduled to be undertaken in the 2008-09 Budget context.

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**Question:** CORP 06

**Division/Agency:** Corporate Services

**Topic:** Transport Safety Assistance to Indonesia

**Hansard Pages:** 15-16 (21/05/07)

**Senator O'Brien asked:**

**Senator O'BRIEN**—The \$23.9 million to assist the Government of the Republic of Indonesia with transport safety improvements.

**Mr Ash**—Now I understand. It shows up in a whole series of spots in these tables. The first point of reference can be found if you go to the main budget measures document itself. On page 300, there is a figure of \$23.9 million, which is the total measure. It is then split up amongst the Department of Transport and Regional Services, the Civil Aviation Authority, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority and Airservices Australia, which means it is shown through each of the individual agencies measures documents, or measures tables in their respective documents. I can pull it out of those tables and just provide it to you in a single table later on if that would help.

**Senator O'BRIEN**—Yes, it could do

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**Senator O'BRIEN**—That is \$3.2 million, so that should be the total.

**Mr Ash**—There is a residual component, which is Airservices Australia, which I can provide as part of that table.

**Answer:**

The Portfolio components are shown in the table below.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>2007-08 \$m</b>	<b>2008-09 \$m</b>	<b>2009-10 \$m</b>	<b>Total \$m</b>
Transport Safety Assistance to Indonesia				
DOTARS	1.9	2.2	2.3	<b>6.4</b>
CASA	2.2	2.1	2.1	<b>6.4</b>
AMSA	0.8	1.3	1.1	<b>3.2</b>
Airservices	2.8	2.6	2.6	<b>7.9</b>