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SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

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DEST Question No. E145_04

Senator Campbell asked on 4 June 2003

Question:

- 1) What public (Commonwealth) funds were provided to the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) and/or to its constituents State bodies for each of the financial years 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-01, 2001-02? Please list funds in breakdowns by listed Department, agency, statutory body or other administering organisation.
- 2) For what purpose were these funds provided?
- 3) To what extent were these purposes achieved and how was that determined?

Interim Answer:

The following agencies of the Department were consulted in compiling this answer: Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation;

Australian Research Council:

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation;

Australian Institute of Marine Science; and

Australian National Training Authority.

Details of the public (Commonwealth) funds provided to ACCI and its constituent State bodies by the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) are at Attachment A. Payments made under contracts to operate business as a New Apprenticeships Centre have not been included in the response. Release of this information has been previously restricted on the basis that it will entail a breach of confidence that may commercially disadvantage an organisation. This still applies.

The list of constituent State bodies for the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) for which DEST has reported payments are:

- State Chamber of Commerce (NSW);
- Australian Business Limited;
- Employers First;
- Victorian Employers' Chamber of Commerce;
- Commerce Queensland:
- Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia;
- South Australian Employers Chamber of Commerce and Industry:
- Business SA;
- Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry Ltd;
- Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce and Industry; and
- ACT and Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Details of the public (Commonwealth) funds provided to ACCI and its constituent State bodies by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation and the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation are at Attachment B.

Details of the public (Commonwealth) funds provided to ACCI and its constituent State bodies by the Australian National Training Authority is still being compiled and will be provided to the Committee as soon as they are available.

All the other Agencies report that they have not provided public (Commonwealth) funds to ACCI and its constituent State bodies.