

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

13 – 14 February 2013

Question: AET 1177

Topic: Tourism – Tax Loss Carry Back initiative

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Senator RONALDSON asked:

1177. Please note the answer by Senator Wong to Senate Question on Notice no. 2637.

With respect to the number of businesses eligible for the tax loss carry back initiative, can the department please ask the Department of Treasury to provide estimates to the department of the amount to be returned to tourism and tourism-connected businesses?

Answer:

1177. In response to Senate Question on Notice no. 2637, Treasury advised it estimates that 110,000 businesses are expected to benefit from the loss carry-back measure in the first 4 years of its operation.

Treasury cannot identify businesses that are considered part of the tourism industry because income tax returns use the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industry Classification (ANZSIC) which does not separately identify this category. Businesses involved in tourism will certainly be able to access the loss carry-back measure, provided they meet the criteria, however it is not possible to identify these entities as a group.