

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
AUSTRADE QUESTIONS ON NOTICE — 2015-16 BUDGET ESTIMATES

Q No.	Agency	Senator	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard, page & date or Written Q	Date Rec'd	Date Tabled
1.	Austrade	Wong	Budget Measure – Free Trade Agreement Promotion	<p>a. Senator WONG: ... [In relation to the grants program for member based organisations ...] On notice, then, can you provide a copy of the guidelines and governance arrangements? Mr Gosper: When they are developed, yes.</p> <p>b. Senator WONG: ... How much of that line item [\$13.4 million in 2015-16 and \$8.2 million in 2016-17] is budgeted to be spent on advertising? I am putting that on notice. And can you break down the components of that? So, that is on notice.</p> <p>c. Senator WONG: Who made the decision to include free-to-air television advertising? Mr Gosper: We have not made the decision about a widespread advertising campaign. Senator WONG: I beg your pardon? Mr Gosper: That is a government decision. Senator WONG: A government decision to conduct TV ads? Mr Gosper: Yes. Senator WONG: When were you advised of this decision? Mr Gosper: Do you mean the decision to fund the program? Senator WONG: No, to include free-to-air. Mr Gosper: I cannot give you a precise answer to that, but of course we gave advice to the government on how it could best ensure that the opportunities of the FTA were widely spread through the export and business community. I would have to look back and see precisely when that was done.</p> <p>d. Senator WONG: Does Austrade currently advertise on channels seven, nine and 10? Mr Gosper: No, we do not advertise on those at this point. Senator WONG: So, this would be the first time Austrade has advertised on free-to-air television? Mr Gosper: I do not know. I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>e. Senator WONG: Did you seek advertising for free-to-air in your NPP? Mr Gosper: I would have to look back at the particular advice we gave about the means to ensure widespread dissemination, but I have no problem with it.</p>	Proof Hansard Pages 71-73	6/10/15	15/10/15

2.	Austrade	Fawcett	Korea FTA	<p>Senator FAWCETT: ... [In relation to the implementation and uptake of the Korea Free Trade Agreement and the number of inquiries Austrade is receiving for export support into Korea] ... So when you say you cannot give us those numbers, is that just because you do not have them at hand?</p> <p>Mr Gosper: I do not have them at hand.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Could you take on notice to provide that to the committee.</p>	Proof Hansard Page 78	6/10/15	15/10/15
3.	Austrade	Wong	ASEAN Tariff Finder	<p>Senator WONG: Okay. [is there an] ASEAN tariff finder [tool on the Austrade website]?</p> <p>Mr Gosper: We will find out for you.</p>	Proof Hansard Page 80	6/10/15	15/10/15
4.	Austrade	Wong	FTA Roadshows	<p>a. Senator WONG: I might put some questions about the programs for the promotional seminars et cetera on notice. I understand that Mr Robb spoke at one of the seminars. Can you tell me how many seminars Mr Robb or his parliamentary secretaries are intending to speak at?</p> <p>Mr Gosper: There have been eight thus far. Mr Robb, Mr Billson and Parliamentary Secretary Ciobo have spoken. I think they have been involved, and one of them has been involved in all of them, I seem to recall, but we will give you the specific details if you would like.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Yes, if you could. Yes, if you could. You gave me the names before. I was not sure whether they all went to one to kick it off or whether they keep going.</p> <p>b. Senator WONG: Who is in charge of the guest list for that [the FTA Roadshows]?</p> <p>Mr Gosper: We put the guest list on our website. We engage our TradeStart network—the offices we have got through the country—the state and territory governments and others to advertise that the seminar is happening and to invite people. It is an open event in that sense. If you like, I can give you the attendance at the seminars thus far.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sure.</p> <p>c. Senator WONG: Do any of the ministers' offices or parliamentary secretaries' offices communicate any additional members of the guest list to you?</p> <p>Mr Gosper: I am not aware of that happening, but it is possible. I am not sure. I could take that on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard Page 81	6/10/15	15/10/15

5.	Austrade	Wong	Cessation of the Asian Business Engagement Plan	<p>Senator WONG: First, on notice, can you tell me, in terms of the Asian Business Engagement Plan, what type of businesses received such grants over the past three years and what nations did the participants export to or do business in as part of this grant program.</p> <p>Mr Gosper: We will provide the information you requested, on notice of course</p>	Proof Hansard Page 82	6/10/15	15/10/15
6.	Austrade	Wong	Match Australia	<p>a. Senator WONG: How many people did you take to the Cricket World Cup? CHAIR: Soccer. Senator WONG: No. It was cricket, Asian World Cup and the Australian Open. Mr Barty: I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>b. Senator WONG: ... why don't you on notice tell me which sporting events were attended by Austrade officers this year, how many investors and what event they attended and what the investor programs associated with each of them are? I would like the cost in respect of each of them.</p> <p>c. Mr Gosper: ... Austrade hosted 54 VIP international investors and over 53 buyers across a range of business matching events and networking events. Five of those events were hosted by the Minister for Trade and Investment. Senator WONG: Five events were hosted; he took people to what? Mr Gosper: I believe it was to one of the matches at the Australian Open tennis; to the final of the Asian Cup, and to one of the cricket finals—I think that was a semi-final. That is from memory, we will have to confirm that on notice.</p> <p>d. Senator WONG: Was there a corporate box? Mr Gosper: At the Australian tennis open it was a purchase of a table of 10 for investors for a dinner and then attending the quarter final. I do not know exactly whether a box was involved. We can find those sorts of details for the three sporting events for you.</p> <p>e. Senator WONG: So five events were hosted by the minister? ... Do you have the cost of those? ... Do you have the guest list?</p>	Proof Hansard Pages 83, 84, 88, 89 and 90	6/10/15	15/10/15

6.	Austrade	Wong	Match Australia	<p>f. Senator WONG: Was there anything else attended by one of the either the minister, the parl sec or any other minister? Mr Gosper: I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>g. Senator WONG: Did any ministerial staff attend these events? Mr Gosper: I expect there would have been, but I will take that on notice.</p> <p>h. Senator WONG: ... I think Mr Barty said you made a decision to utilise some of your current funding to start this process of taking investors to sporting events. Mr Barty: I did, but we were actually allocated funding for the Asia football cup and the ICC world cricket cup. Senator WONG: When were those decisions made? Mr Gosper: Funding of \$533,000 was approved for the initial two-year program— Senator WONG: From? Mr Gosper: of which Australia spent \$434,000 as of 14 May 2015. To give you a specific answer, I think I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>i. Senator WONG: ... Governments make decisions in budgets, and then those measures are rolled out. I am asking which budget update this decision was made in ... Mr Gosper: ... I believe this funding was for 2013-14 and 2014-15. Senator WONG: ... So was it the 2013-14 budget or the MYEFO? ... Mr Gosper: ... I think it was an internal allocation of funds ... Senator WONG: So you made the decision to internally allocate funding? Mr Gosper: That is right. Senator WONG: You personally? Mr Gosper: That was my understanding of the program we developed. Senator WONG: Was there any contact with the minister's office as a result of this? Mr Gosper: I will have to take that on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard Pages 83, 84, 88, 89 and 90	6/10/15	15/10/15
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6.	Austrade	Wong	Match Australia	<p>j. Senator WONG: Was there any contact with the minister's office prior to the decision being made? Mr Gosper: Yes, I am sure there was. Senator WONG: Which minister? Mr Gosper: That would have been Minister Robb. I will take that on— Senator WONG: Okay. So not then Minister Marles or then Minister Emerson? Mr Gosper: I am not sure. I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>k. Senator WONG: I have asked you about the minister's attendance et cetera. Are you able to give me some sort of breakdown of the \$434,000 which has been spent to date? Mr Gosper: I believe so. Senator WONG: Thank you. You might have to take that on notice.</p> <p>l. Senator WONG: Any other politicians through this program? Mr Gosper: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>m. Senator WONG: What did you not fund in order to put the \$530,000 into this program? Mr Gosper: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>n. Senator WONG: Did you discuss with the minister expanding the Match Australia program? Mr Gosper: Yes. Senator WONG: When did you discuss that with him? Mr Gosper: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>o. Senator WONG: Are you able to tell me who was put on the guest list [for Match Australia events] at the request of the minister's office? Mr Gosper: I think we could tell you who was put on the guest list as a result of consultation with the minister. Senator WONG: Okay. Do you want to do that on notice? Mr Gosper: Yes, we will take that on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard Pages 83, 84, 88, 89 and 90	6/10/15	15/10/15
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7.	Austrade	Senator Wong	Senior Investment Specialists	<p>a. Senator WONG: Who did the short-listing [of applicants for the Senior Investment Specialist positions]?</p> <p>Mr Beresford: As we said, we engaged NGS to help us through the selection process, and the panel, in consultation with and with advice from NGS, would have made a selection of a short list in low double-digit figures. Again, to give the exact numbers, I will take that on notice.</p> <p>b. Senator WONG: Okay. Let's just check this through. Approximately how many applications were received?</p> <p>Mr Beresford: Quite a number.</p> <p>Senator WONG: On notice, you could provide me with that. We are talking 10 or 100?</p> <p>Mr Beresford: On notice, it would be in the order of 50 to 70.</p> <p>c. Senator WONG: I think you have answered this. I was going to ask whether every applicant entered the process in the same way, but I think you have indicated to me that it is a mix of NGS Global approaching people and people who saw the advertisement and applied. Are you able to tell me who at NGS Global worked on identifying candidates?</p> <p>Mr Beresford: The partner in charge was Mark Lelliott, and I would have to take on notice his senior associate. I just can't recall that person's name. I will take that on notice.</p> <p>d. Senator WONG: So is your evidence now that NGS would have made the phone calls to do referee checks and provided advice to the panel?</p> <p>Mr Beresford: Correct.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay. Obviously on notice if there is something you wish to clarify that is open to you.</p> <p>e. Senator WONG: Was the full business history of each specialist appointed considered?</p> <p>Mr Beresford: I would suggest an extensive amount of due diligence was put into this. Again, I will take that on notice but in the spirit of answering to the best of my ability, we would definitely have put a lot of due diligence into the process.</p>	Proof Hansard Pages 92, 93, 94, 95, 96 and 97	6/10/15	15/10/15
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7.	Austrade	Senator Wong	Senior Investment Specialists	<p>f. Senator WONG: Can you provide me a pro forma of the declaration of conflict of interests? Ms Kimball: Yes.</p> <p>g. Senator WONG: Do they also have to submit details of their interests? Ms Kimball: Yes they do. Senator WONG: Can you provide a copy of that document? Ms Kimball: Yes—not of the individuals, of course, but the pro-forma, yes.</p> <p>h. Senator WONG: [In relation to potential conflicts of interest identified for one of the SIS applicants and written advice provided to the applicant that, to be formally appointed, they would have to show that all of the risks were being managed] ... On notice, will you provide a copy of that document with the appropriate personal information redacted? Ms Kimball: Right.</p> <p>i. Senator WONG: [In relation to the process for managing the potential conflicts of interest identified for one of the SIS applicants] ... So there were quite a few backwards and forwards about what they would do with their interest[s]. Would that be fair? And on notice you can indicate to me dates, correspondence— Ms Kimball: We can. Senator WONG: I just want a chronology of this.</p> <p>j. Senator WONG: Is there a declaration of interest form for ongoing employees? You have told me about the one that you do when you are first employed, but if you are employed and you acquire an interest is there some form by which you declare another interest? Ms Kimball: Yes, there is. Senator WONG: Can you provide a copy of that, please?</p>	Proof Hansard Pages 92, 93, 94, 95, 96 and 97	6/10/15	15/10/15
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7.	Austrade	Senator Wong	Senior Investment Specialists	<p>k. Senator WONG: The act also requires that APS employees must not make improper use of inside information or the employee's status or authority in order to gain or seek to gain a benefit or advantage for the employer or any other person. How do you look at that obligation when staff leave? What is the advice you give your staff about use of information they have gained whilst working at Austrade for the purposes of pursuing their own commercial interests?</p> <p>Ms Kimball: We have an exit interview with staff and they also sign a declaration around that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: What does the declaration say?</p> <p>Ms Kimball: I cannot recall off the top of my head—</p> <p>Senator WONG: But something like, 'You can't use information that you have gained in the course of this employment to further your own interests'?</p> <p>Ms Kimball: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can I have a copy of that too?</p> <p>l. Senator WONG: So how many individuals have been appointed to the role of senior investment specialist since March 2014?</p> <p>Mr Gosper: There are currently five such people.</p> <p>Senator WONG: That was not actually the question.</p> <p>Mr Gosper: There have been six appointed.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So one has gone; was it resignation or termination?</p> <p>Mr Gosper: Resignation.</p> <p>Ms Kimball: Resignation.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you give me the date of appointment, terms of appointment and cessation date for all of those, please.</p> <p>Mr Gosper: I will take that on notice, if that is possible.</p>	Proof Hansard Pages 92, 93, 94, 95, 96 and 97	6/10/15	15/10/15
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8.	Austrade	Wong	Assistance provided to Environmental Organic Nutrients	<p>a. Senator WONG: ... [In relation to the preparation and attempted lodgement of an official Austrade letter of introduction to the National Centre for Quality Supervision and Testing of Chemical Fertilizers in Beijing on behalf of EON] ... You said an attempt at lodgement? Mr Gosper: I understand, if you give me a moment— Senator WONG: You could not do it because only licensed distributor of fertilisers was authorised? Mr Gosper: I believe that we were not able to act as an agent. We had no legal standing that would be accepted by the authorities in regard to this matter. Senator WONG: You were not aware of that at the time that you made the offer to lodge documents on this company's behalf? Mr Gosper: I would think, because this was subject to action over a period of time, that there was probably an attempt made. I would have to actually check at what point we were told that we would not be able to lodge that letter of introduction. If I could take that on notice—</p> <p>b. Senator WONG: When did you cease assistance [to EON]? Mr Gosper: I cannot tell you that precisely. I will have to take that on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard Pages 112 and 113	6/10/15	15/10/15
9.	Austrade	Wong	Business Missions	<p>a. Senator WONG: ... You have referenced a couple of business missions ... I think you have had 10 over the last year that were ministerial led? Mr Gosper: ... Sixteen ministerial business missions ... Senator WONG: Can you take on notice an attendee list and departmental costs for each of these [business] missions and whatever you are able to provide me in terms of itinerary. Mr Gosper: Yes.</p> <p>b. Mr Gosper: ... We do a record of the key achievements made during the mission ... We give the minister some record of how the missions proceeded and what was achieved. Senator WONG: Are you able to provide those? Mr Gosper: I believe so.</p>	Proof Hansard Page 114	6/10/15	15/10/15

10.	Austrade	Wong	Senior Investment Specialists	<p>Senator WONG: On that, was the minister or his office advised of the conflict of interest [for one of the applicants for the Senior Investment Specialist positions] about which your officer has given evidence?</p> <p>Mr Gosper: I believe I answered that question before. I think the answer is no, but I will confirm that.</p>	Proof Hansard Page 114	6/10/15	15/10/15
11.	Austrade	Back	New Tax Arrangements for Working Holiday Makers	<p>CHAIR: Is the issue of superannuation for backpackers now dealt with in this proposed legislation? They can actually extract the superannuation component and take it home with them rather than waiting. Is that right?</p> <p>Mr Gosper: I am not sure. That is something that we would have to ask Treasury. I can also note the measure does not come into effect until 1 July 2016.</p>	Proof Hansard Page 124	6/10/15	15/10/15
12.	Austrade	Brown	Cessation of the Asian Business Engagement Plan	<p>a. Senator CAROL BROWN: ... [In relation to the Asian Business Engagement Plan grants] ... How many Australian tourism businesses took part? ...</p> <p>Mr Gosper: I would have to take that on notice; I am not aware of any.</p> <p>b. Senator CAROL BROWN: Could you please take that on notice for the committee and provide a breakdown ... by state [of all the companies that received an Asian Business Engagement Plan grant]?</p> <p>Mr Gosper: Yes.</p>	Proof Hansard Pages 124 and 125	6/10/15	15/10/15

13.	Austrade	Brown	Cadbury	<p>a. Senator CAROL BROWN: I would now like to ask some questions about Cadbury. ... There is a lot of interest in Tasmania about this issue. Are we looking to develop some sort of priorities, coming out of the Tourism portfolio, for this \$16 million to be reinvested or invested in Tassie?</p> <p>Senator Payne: As I understand it, the government will be making an announcement on where it will be redirected but, as budget paper No. 2 says on page 96, it will be to fund other priorities in Tasmania. I do not have any further information about the process behind that, but I can certainly take that on notice for you.</p> <p>b. Senator CAROL BROWN: Do we have any idea when some announcements will be made about where those funds, the \$16 million, will be used in Tasmania?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I do not, but I will take that on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard Pages 125 and 126	6/10/15	15/10/15
14.	Austrade	Back	Tourism	CHAIR: ... what, if anything, is Tourism Australia or Austrade doing to boost tourism coming in to support overseas students who are already here—in other words, parents, relations et cetera?	Proof Hansard Page 126	6/10/15	15/10/15
15.	Austrade	Back	Chinese Visas	<p>CHAIR: ... I recently spoke at an inbound tourism event in Western Australia for Chinese people. They are very, very keen on Australia but really annoyed about tourist visas. They told me in no uncertain terms about how for so many other countries it is so easy to get visas to come and visit. In 30 seconds, can you tell me are we doing anything about easing that process?</p> <p>Mr Gosper: We are doing quite a bit of work, with the support of Tourism Australia, with our colleagues at the Department of Immigration and Border Protection. You will be aware, of course, that we have started an online visitor visa application and lodgement pilot in China, and that includes, now, three-year multiple entry visas. We are also talking with them of course about the time taken for processing, and it is now, I think, more than 95 per cent within 10 working days—</p> <p>CHAIR: I do not want to hurry you, because I do want complete information—</p> <p>Mr Gosper: We will give you a fuller answer on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard Page 126	6/10/15	15/10/15

16.	Austrade	Brown	Funding Programs	<p>Can the following details be provided for each discretionary grant program in the Minister's portfolio:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. name of the discretionary grant program; b. total funding on a year-by-year basis over the current forward estimates; c. committed funding on a year-by-year basis over the current forward estimates; d. contracted funding on a year-by-year basis over the current forward estimates; e. uncommitted funding on a year-by-year basis over the current forward estimates; f. when the current round of funding is scheduled to cease; and g. how many rounds of funding are scheduled after the end of the current round. 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
17.	Austrade	Brown	Tourism Demand Driver Infrastructure Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many projects have been approved under this program? b. Please list each project with project name, proponent, address, state, federal electorate, project description, commonwealth contribution, details of any other funding including source, total project cost, date of approval, date of public announcement, expected project start date and expected completion date. c. Please also provide a link to relevant ministerial media release eg joint release with state minister, local MP. d. What is the total expenditure to date for this program. e. How much funding remains unallocated. f. Were proponents required to apply for funding or simply put forward recommendations? Please detail the process. g. Have any public transport projects been funded under this program 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
18.	Austrade	Brown	Australia Week Events	How much <i>additional</i> funding has been included in the Budget for Australia Week events this year from last year?	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
19.	Austrade	Brown	Northern Australia Aviation Proposal	Were Austrade or Tourism Australia consulted on the Government's proposal to allow foreign airlines to fly on domestic routes in Australia?	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15

20.	Austrade	Brown	Tourism Refund Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have discussions regarding the TRS progressed since last estimates? Please provide a full update. b. Has Austrade met with any further stakeholders or third parties in relation to the TRS since last estimates? If so please list meetings with names, dates, time, location, agenda and minutes. 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
21.	Austrade	Brown	ABS Survey of Tourist Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What was the publication date and cost of the Survey of Tourist Accommodation over the last 10 years? b. What is the expected total cost of producing the survey in 2015-16? c. Has funding been secured for the Survey of Tourist Accommodation over the forward estimates? d. What date will the Survey of Tourist Accommodation be published this year? e. How much will each state and territory and Austrade contribute to this year's survey? Please detail. f. Where in Austrade will be funding be sourced for this year's survey? g. Where has the money from Austrade come from for this year's survey? Has any program been cut as a result? h. Which stakeholders are being consulted about the future of the publication? Please list. i. Please detail the consultation date, method (in person, in writing) j. Who will make the final decision as to whether the Survey continues? 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
22.	Austrade	Brown	Stakeholder Meetings	Which tourism stakeholders has Austrade met with since last estimates? Please list meeting date, company/organisation, nature of meeting and topics discussed.	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
23.	Austrade	Brown	Wanda Group	Has the Minister or Austrade met with Wanda Group or any of its representatives since last estimates? If so please detail date, attendees, location and nature of the meeting.	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15

24.	Austrade	Brown	Medical Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Has Austrade or Tourism Australia performed any research into medical tourism? If so, please provide a copy of the research. b. How many people come to Australia every year for medical tourism on an annual basis? How is this industry expected to grow over the next 10 years? c. What implications does this have for tourism policy and revenue? 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
25.	Austrade	Brown	Sports Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many major events has the Match Australia program brought to Australia since 7 September 2013? b. Please list. 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
26.	Austrade	Brown	Amendments to Australian Trade Commission Act 1985	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have these amendments now taken effect? b. How are they being implemented? c. What has change practically within Austrade as a result of the passage of this legislation? d. What percentage of the Austrade CEO's time is now being spent on tourism? 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
27.	Tourism Australia	Brown	Domestic Tourism Marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is Austrade or Tourism Australia aware of any research into the value of domestic tourism marketing? b. If so, what was the return for each dollar invested in domestic tourism marketing? c. How much funding from Austrade or Tourism Australia will go to domestic tourism marketing in 2015-16 and across the forward estimates? d. How much funding is each state and territory government investing in domestic tourism marketing over the forward estimates? Please provide a list. 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
28.	Austrade	Brown	Tourism Research Australia	Have there been any staff changes at TRA since last estimates? If so please detail.	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
29	Austrade	Brown	Staffing	Have there been any changes to staffing at Austrade or Tourism Australia since last estimates? If so please detail.	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15

30.	Austrade	Brown	Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please detail the forward publishing schedule for all research and survey publications in 2015-16 including Tourism Research Australia. b. Have there been any changes to the expected publication schedules in the last year? c. If yes, please detail with original expected publication date and actual publication date. d. Does Austrade or Tourism Australia anticipate any delays to publications over the next year? If so, please detail publication, reason, and expected length of delay. e. Have the issues discussed at last estimates regarding Incoming Passenger Cards been resolved? If so, what impact will this have on the delivery of publications? 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
31.	Tourism Australia	Brown	Taxation (Removing tax-free threshold to Working Holiday Visa Makers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How will this measure affect Austrade's ability to deliver its outcomes? b. What impact will this measure have on tourism revenue given that the average WHM holder earns \$5000 but spends \$13,000 according to the Parliamentary Library? 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
32.	Austrade	Brown	Tourism Research Advisory Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have there been any changes to membership since last estimates? b. Please provide current membership list. c. When was the last meeting & what was discussed? d. What are the current research priorities? When will these next be reviewed? 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
33.	Austrade	Brown	Public Transport	Last estimates Austrade provided an Answer to a Question on Notice stating 937,000 international visitors used public transport during the year ending September 2014. Please provide further details including state by state figures and transport type, if available.	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
34.	Austrade	Brown	Tourism Ministers Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What dates have Tourism Ministers Meetings been held since September 2013? Please provide location, time, place, attendees and agenda as well as minutes. b. Please provide forward schedule for meetings for remainder of 2015. c. Of these, how many meetings has Mr Robb attended since September 2013? 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15

35.	Austrade	Brown	National Tourism Incident Response Plan (NTIRP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What dates has the NTICP has been activated since 7 September 2013? b. What was the nature of those events? How long was the plan activated for? What action was taken? 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
36.	Austrade	Brown	Australian Standing Committee on Tourism (ASCOT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Who attended the last meeting of ASCOT on 10 April 2015? b. What was discussed? c. What were the outcomes? d. Have there been any changes to membership since the last estimates? e. When will the next meeting be? Please provide forward schedule of meetings. f. Has the Tourism 2020 plan been finalised and endorsed at the Tourism Ministers Meeting? 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
37.	Austrade	Brown	Tourism Major Project Facilitation service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many projects currently being facilitated? b. How many of these projects are under construction? What are the expected construction start dates and opening dates of each project? c. Please provide a list of all projects utilising the service including project name, proponent name, value of project, expected start and completion date and funding partners. 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
38.	Austrade	Brown	Entrepreneurs' Infrastructure Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. In the last answers to Questions on Notice (February 2015, Questions on Notice from Senator Brown to Austrade, Question 17 (b) page 21) we were advised that the Minister for Trade and Investment wrote to the Minister for Industry in October 2014 to seek inclusion of the tourism industry in the Entrepreneurs' Infrastructure Programme. What was the outcome of that request? b. How many tourism operators have applied for the Accelerating Commercialisation element under the Entrepreneurs' Infrastructure Programme? c. How many have been successful? d. Have tourism operators been informed through Austrade or any other means of their eligibility for the Accelerating Commercialisation element? If so, by what method and on what date. 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15

39.	Austrade	Brown	Tourism Research Committee (TRC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please list full membership of committee b. Please provide meeting dates and locations c. What topics were discussed at the last meeting (please provide date, location and attendees) 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
40.	Austrade	Brown	Tourism and Visa Advisory Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please list full membership of committee b. Future meeting dates and locations c. What topics were discussed at the last meeting (please provide date, location and attendees) 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
41.	Austrade	Brown	Tourism Careers Promotion Roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please list full membership of committee b. Please provide meeting dates and locations c. What topics were discussed at the last meeting (please provide date, location and attendees) 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
42.	Austrade	Brown	National Passenger Facilitation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please list full membership of committee b. Future meeting dates and locations c. What topics were discussed at the last meeting (please provide date, location and attendees) 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
43.	Austrade	Brown	Stronger Regions Funding \$66 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Minister issued a media release on 31 May 2015 stating that 12 tourism projects had been approved under the National Stronger Regions Fund. b. Please list the 12 projects with project name, proponent, address, state, federal electorate, project description, commonwealth contribution, details of any other funding including source, total project cost, date of approval, date of public announcement, expected project start date and expected completion date. c. Please also provide a link to relevant ministerial media release eg joint release with state minister, local MP. 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
44.	Austrade	Brown	Tourism 2020	Please provide a detailed update on Australia's progress toward the Tourism 2020 goals	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15

45.	Austrade	Brown	Approved Destination Status	<p>a. How many inbound tour operators (ITOs) and tour guides are currently registered with ADS?</p> <p>b. What does the registration process entail? What are the costs involved? How is language competency assessed?</p> <p>c. How many tours did ITOs and tour guide conduct under ADS in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 2013 o 2014 o 2015 (to date) <p>d. How many passengers undertook an ADS tour in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 2013 o 2014 o 2015 <p>e. How many random checks of ADS did Austrade or the relevant authority conduct in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 2013 o 2014 o 2015 (to date) <p>f. Of these, how many were found to be in breach of the relevant codes of conduct? What was the nature of the breaches? Please detail separately for each breach.</p> <p>g. Please provide a breakdown of breaches by type, state and year.</p> <p>h. How many ‘mystery shoppers’ were engaged as part of the monitoring process in each of these years and were any breaches detected as a result?</p> <p>i. Where a tour guide is not registered with ADS and a breach is found to have occurred, what action can the Australian Government take?</p> <p>j. Have any tour guides have their ADS approval suspended or revoked since 7 September 2013? In what circumstances did each occur?</p>	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
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46.	Austrade	Brown	State of the Industry Report	Is the State of the Industry Report still due to be published in October 2015?	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
47.	Austrade	Brown	Regional Tourism Infrastructure and Innovation Fund	<p>a. Has the Project Agreement between the Commonwealth and Tasmania for the \$4.38 million Regional Tourism Infrastructure and Innovation Fund been settled? If not what has delayed the settlement of the Agreement?</p> <p>b. Has the first instalment under the RTIIF been paid to the Tasmanian Government? If not when is the funding expected to be paid?</p> <p>c. What is the timeline for the provision of the funding to the Tasmanian Government?</p> <p>d. Does the Project Agreement include principles or conditions on when and how the funding is to be administered and on the Commonwealth Government's involvement in any project announcements?</p> <p>e. What representations has the Department or Minister received from the State Government in relation to the RTIIF ? Have any representations been made by the Premier of Tasmania?</p>	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
48.	Austrade	Brown	Budget Functions	<p>a. Did any public servants assist or work at Budget night functions at Parliament House?</p> <p>b. If so, in what capacity did they assist or work at these functions?</p> <p>c. What roles did they perform?</p> <p>d. Were any of these events Liberal, National, LNP, WA National or Country Liberal Party fundraisers?</p> <p>e. Who requested their presence?</p> <p>f. Were they paid? If so, by whom?</p> <p>g. Did the Minister request their presence? If not, who did?</p> <p>h. Can any correspondence or request for their presence be provided to the Committee?</p>	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15

49.	Austrade	Ludwig	Non-Australian Citizens Employed by the Department/Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the Department/Agency's policy with regard to hiring non-Australian citizens? b. Does the agency have a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) policy? If yes, please provide a summary. c. How does the Department/Agency determine whether a person is a non-Australian citizen? d. How many staff who were not Australian Citizens have been hired by the Department/Agency since the Federal Election in September, 2013? Please break the numbers down by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Levels at which they are employed 2. Immigration Status (Visa) 3. Cultural Background 4. Linguistic Background 5. How many were hired to satisfy CALD targets? 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
50.	Austrade	Ludwig	Departmental Dispute Resolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How are disputes between departmental and/or agency staff mediated? b. Are any outside firms contracted to assist with this process? If yes: please list them, please include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The structure of payments made to each firm (e.g. retainers, fees for each consultation etc). 2. Amount paid to each firm since the last budget. 3. When the contract with the firm commenced. 4. When the contract with the firm will expire. 5. Why the firm was selected to provide the service. 6. Please provide a list of disputes referred to the firm, including a brief description of the dispute. c. How are code of conduct violations by departmental and/or agency staff mediated? d. Are any outside firms contracted to assist with this process? If yes: please list them, please include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The structure of payments made to each firm (e.g. retainers, fees for each consultation etc). 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15

51.	Austrade	Wong	Budget Measures – Australia Week Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many Australia Week events will occur per year over the next four years? b. Where will they be held? How many events will be held in Australia’s top 10 export destinations? How are the locations decided? What analysis supports the selection of countries to be targeted for Australia Weeks? c. Please detail the expenditure of \$2.8 million per year on such events. d. Other than a post-event qualitative participant survey, how is the return on the investment in Australia Weeks measured? 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
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52.	Austrade	Wong	Budget Measures – Match Australia and Cessation of ABE Grants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide details of this Match Australia sports business programme. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When and where are the targeted major sporting events per year? b. What types of programmes will be funded under this measure? Please provide a cost breakdown. c. Will AusTrade staff and representatives from Government attend these major sporting events? If so, how many and at what cost. d. How will business partnerships be identified? e. How will the success or otherwise of this program be measured? 2. Please provide details of the analysis that the Asian Business Engagement Plan (ABEP) grants programme “has achieved its aims” and that the Match Australia programme would be “a better use of funds”. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What type of businesses received Asian Business Engagement Plan grants over the past three years? b. What countries did the participants export to or do business in as part of the ABEP grant program? c. How many recipients of this grant program have attended major sporting events in Australia and overseas as a participant or a sponsor or other? d. Is the pool of grantees likely to overlap significantly or insignificantly with the pool of businesses to benefit from this new Match Australia program? 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
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53.	Austrade	Wong	Budget Measures - Strengthening Australia's ability to attract foreign investment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide a break-down of the activities and related costs under this measure? 2. Have any of these five senior investment specialists been engaged to date? If so, how were they recruited? If not, please describe the recruitment process. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the anticipated salary package of the five senior investment specialists? b. Where will they be posted offshore? c. What are the associated costs of such postings? 3. AusTrade recently appointed five senior investment specialists in Australia. Please explain if and how the ten investment advisers will work together? 4. What are the KPIs for these investment advisers? 5. Where are AusTrade's current offices in the United States? 6. Please provide details of the new office in Boston. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How and why was the location of Boston selected? What are the associated costs of the new office and anticipated on-going costs? 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
54.	Austrade, consult DFAT	Wong	Budget Measure - Strengthening Australia's foreign investment framework	Will the level of FIRB fees have an impact on trade and investment relations or the attractiveness of Australia, especially as compared to other countries that have no fee or lower fees?	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15

55.	Austrade, consult DFAT	Wong	Budget Measure - Developing Northern Australia, positioning the north as a leader in tropical health	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please describe the type of support that Austrade will provide to this measure. 2. What are Austrade’s related activities and costs? 3. What is Minister Robb’s role in Northern Australia matters? 4. What has been the Department’s role in Northern Australia matters? 5. What role has the Minister and the Department had in championing the \$5 billion Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility? 6. Will the Department have an ongoing role in outcomes from the related White Paper? If so, please describe. 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15
56.	Austrade	Wong	Ministerial Led Business Missions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AusTrade has organised and run ten Ministerial Led Business Missions over the past year. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How have the success of these missions been measured? b. What are the “lessons learnt” from past missions? c. What will be done differently for future missions? d. Please provide attendee list and Department costs of each of these ten missions. 	Written Question on Notice	6/10/15	15/10/15