

**Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee**  
**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE — 2016-17 BUDGET ESTIMATES**  
**Austrade**

Q No.	Agency	Senator	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard, page & hearing date or Written Qon	Date Responses Rec'd	Date Responses Tabled
<b>HANSARD QUESTIONS</b>							
1.	Austrade	Wong	Tehran Post	<p><b>SENATOR WONG asked:</b></p> <p>(a) <b>Senator WONG:</b> How long has it been since we had an Austrade office in Tehran? Have we ever had one before?  <b>Mr O'Meara:</b> We have in the past. I will have to defer to someone else.</p> <p>(b) <b>Senator WONG:</b> Is it intended that it be opened ... this coming financial year or this calendar year? ...  <b>Mr O'Meara:</b> It will be next financial year. I think it will probably be before December, but I would have to take the exact date on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 6/5/2016 Page 100	15/09/16	13/10/16
2.	Austrade	Brown	Tourism Demand Driver Infrastructure (TDDI) Program	<p><b>SENATOR BROWN asked:</b></p> <p>(a) <b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> How many [TDDI projects] did you say were going to have final payments made this month?  <b>Mr Boyer:</b> I do not have that level of detail, I am sorry. A number of them will have, because there will be the final payment of the financial year.</p> <p>(b) <b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> How many [TDDI]projects have been approved but not announced?  <b>Mr Boyer:</b> I do not have that level of detail. I know that we have got commitments into 2016-17 for some projects. I am not sure how many of them have been announced or not announced. I can take the numbers on notice but not the announcements, of course.</p> <p>(c) <b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Do you know how much the [TDDI] projects were that have been approved but not</p>	Proof Hansard, 6/5/2016 Page 116-117	15/09/16	13/10/16

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				<p>announced?</p> <p><b>Senator McGrath:</b> We can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Boyer:</b> I do not have that level of detail.</p> <p>(d) <b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> ... Austrade have said that the project details will be publically available on the Treasury website. Are they available on the Treasury website—the Federal Financial Relations website? ... I think I might know what the website address is, but if you could take that on notice, because I am having difficulty finding it.</p>			
3.	Austrade	Brown	Backpacker Tax Review	<p><b>SENATOR BROWN asked:</b></p> <p>(a) <b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> In terms of your consultation [with industry groups on the backpacker tax review], can you give me a list of who, outside the department, you actually consulted with?</p> <p><b>Mr Gosper:</b> We undertook two industry consultations with tourism and agriculture stakeholders on 21 March and 19 April, respectively, and an interdepartmental committee involving 12 agencies.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Who were people invited to those?</p> <p><b>Mr Gosper:</b> I do not have that detail here. We can take that on notice and provide[d] it to you.</p> <p>(b) <b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> When the minister announced the review back in March, he said that they were looking at a different approach in terms of the backpacker tax ... Did the review recommended a solution? ... Mr Gosper?</p> <p><b>Mr Gosper:</b> The review was to look at options for alternative budget neutral arrangements to the tax treatment, and we have given advice to government.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> You have provided options?</p> <p><b>Mr Gosper:</b> We have given advice to government.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Obviously they did not like those options. So you cannot tell me when this issue may be fixed then, other than that the Treasurer—I think it was the Treasurer—announced a delay in the current policy.</p> <p><b>Senator McGrath:</b> I am not able to give you a fixed time frame</p>	Proof Hansard Page 117	15/09/16	13/10/16

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				... Why don't you take it on notice? <b>Mr Gosper:</b> Okay.			
<b>WRITTEN QUESTIONS</b>							
FADT Committee Secretariat advised on 11 May 2016 that there were no written questions from Senators for Austrade in this Estimates round.							