

Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts

Answers to questions on notice

Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates, October 2008

Outcome:	1	Question No:	131
Output:	1.2		
Division/Agency:	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust		
Topic:	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust – Annual Report		
Hansard Page ECITA:	Written Question on Notice		

Senator Birmingham asked:

If the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust annual report has not yet been tabled, when will it be tabled and was any consideration given to having the annual report ready in advance of Supplementary Estimates as a courtesy?

Answer:

The Annual Report was tabled on 21 October 2008.

The Trust's timetable was implemented in accordance with the Government's policy that all annual reports should be tabled by 31 October 2008.

Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts

Answers to questions on notice

Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates, October 2008

Outcome:	1	Question No:	132
Output:	1.2		
Division/Agency:	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust		
Topic:	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust – Staff		
Hansard Page ECITA:	Written Question on Notice		

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. How many permanent staff recruited since the budget estimates?
2. What level are these staff?
3. How many temporary positions exist or have been created since budget estimates?
4. Since budget estimates, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?
5. Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts?
6. If so, where and at what level?

Answers:

1. 1
2. EL2
3. 5. 1 ongoing, 1 non-ongoing (5 years), 3 non-ongoing (3 years).
4. None
5. Not applicable
6. Not applicable

Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts

Answers to questions on notice

Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates, October 2008

Outcome:	1	Question No:	133
Output:	1.2		
Division/Agency:	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust		
Topic:	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust – Razor Gang		
Hansard Page ECITA:	Written Question on Notice		

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. What discussions has the Trust had with the Razor Gang Mk II?
2. Has the Razor Gang indicated any cuts/savings to be made by the Trust?

Answers:

1. The Sydney Harbour Federation Trust has had no discussions with the Expenditure Review Taskforce.
2. No

Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts

Answers to questions on notice

Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates, October 2008

Outcome:	1	Question No:	134
Output:	1.2		
Division/Agency:	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust		
Topic:	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust – Special accounts		
Hansard Page ECITA:	Written Question on Notice		

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. What special accounts does the Trust currently hold? How much is in these accounts?
2. Does the Trust use the interest from these funds to fund ongoing operations?
3. Has the Razor Gang Mark II given any indication about the future of these special accounts?

Answers:

1. Nil
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable

Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts

Answers to questions on notice

Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates, October 2008

Outcome:	1	Question No:	135
Output:	1.2		
Division/Agency:	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust		
Topic:	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust – Underspending		
Hansard Page ECITA:	Written Question on Notice		

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. How many programs were underspent in 07-08 financial year?
2. What requests have been made to roll-over underspends to 2008-09?
3. Were these requests successful?

Answers:

1. Nil
- 2.
3. Not applicable
- 4.
5. Not applicable

Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts

Answers to questions on notice

Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates, October 2008

Outcome:	1	Question No:	136
Output:	1.2		
Division/Agency:	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust		
Topic:	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust – Media Monitoring and Communications		
Hansard Page ECITA:	Written Question on Notice		

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. How much has been spent on media monitoring to date this year?
2. What communications programs has the Trust undertaken, or are planning to undertake?
3. For each program, what is the total spend?
4. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

Answers:

1. \$3222.84.
2. The Trust implements an ongoing communications program to increase public awareness of its sites and to promote their accessibility. Broadly, the program comprises interpretation of sites, education activities, events and partnerships, publications, websites, stakeholder issues and media management.
3. The Trust's communications program in 2008-09 has a budget of \$577,051. The budget comprises three main areas: marketing and publicity (advertising, signage, websites etc) \$162,000; events \$295,599; and publications (graphic design, photography, printing etc) \$119,492.
4. See table below.

Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts

Answers to questions on notice

Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates, October 2008

Event/ Partnership	Location/Date	Purpose	Cost
Biennale of Sydney	Cockatoo Island June-Sept 2008	Promote Cockatoo Island as a landmark cultural site and increase visitation Approximately 86,000 people visited Cockatoo Island during the Biennale	\$215,000 (sponsorship, marketing, signage, equipment hire and building works, waste management). Figure does not include OH&S, risk assessment and services costs.
Camp ground launch	Cockatoo Island 19 September 2008	Officially launch Sydney's only island camp ground	\$2,700
Macquarie Lightstation open days	Vaucluse May, June, Aug and Oct 2008	Provide public access to historic and still functioning lightstation	\$940
Marine Biological Station open days	Watsons Bay March, April 2008	Provide public access to historic house	\$2,800
Anzac Day	Headland Park (Mosman), April 2008	Community event on Trust land	Nil
Harbour Week	Chowder Bay + other sites March 2008	Promote Trust's harbour sites	\$937
NAIDOC	Headland Park (Mosman), July 2008	To celebrate NAIDOC week	\$4,900
Opening 21 Aust Auxiliary Hospital interpretation space	Headland Park (Mosman), November 2008	Official opening of military hospital display ('The Hospital on the Hill)	\$250

Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts

Answers to questions on notice

Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates, October 2008

Outcome:	1	Question No:	137
Output:	1.2		
Division/Agency:	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust		
Topic:	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust – FOI		
Hansard Page ECITA:	Written Question on Notice		

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. Has the Trust received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?
2. How many FOI requests has the Trust received?
3. How many have been granted or denied?
4. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?

Answers:

1. Guidelines have been provided.
2. One.
3. The only request received was withdrawn.
4. Nil.

Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts

Answers to questions on notice

Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates, October 2008

Outcome:	1	Question No:	138
Output:	1.2		
Division/Agency:	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust		
Topic:	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust – Reviews		
Hansard Page ECITA:	Written Question on Notice		

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. How many Reviews are currently being undertaken in the Trust?
2. When will each of these reviews be concluded?
3. Which Reviews have been completed since Budget Estimates?
4. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?

Answers:

1. Nil
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable
4. Not applicable

Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts

Answers to questions on notice

Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates, October 2008

Outcome:	1	Question No:	139
Output:	1.2		
Division/Agency:	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust		
Topic:	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust – Decontamination		
Hansard Page ECITA:	Written Question on Notice		

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. Does the Trust continue to believe that \$40 million is an accurate estimate for the site's decontamination?
2. Has agreement been reached with the Department of Defence on the estimated cost of decontamination of the Platypus site?
3. When will the site be transferred to the Trust?
4. When does the Trust expect to commence decontamination?
5. Will the Memorandum of Understanding contain a commitment to barging contaminated waste from the site?
6. When was the draft plan for Platypus referred to the Minister?
7. Has the Minister finalised his consideration of the Plan? If not, is there any indication as to when this might occur?
8. Has the draft Plan been supported by New South Wales Government and, if so, when will the final Plan be released to the community?
9. Has the Minister visited Platypus and, if so, when and who accompanied him on this visit and were any members of the community invited or involved?
10. What is the Trust's current estimate of how much it will cost to implement the draft Plan for Platypus over and beyond the costs of decontamination?
11. Has the Government resolved to fund the implementation of the Plan at this stage?
12. Is the Trust aware of any proposals being considered by the Government to sell any part of the Platypus site?

Answers:

1. The cost of remediation is estimated at \$46million.
2. Yes.
3. When the MOU is agreed.
4. After the transfer of the site.

Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts

Answers to questions on notice

Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates, October 2008

5. No. This is not a matter for the MOU. However, the estimated cost of remediation includes barging.
6. June 2008.
7. No. The Minister will finalise his consideration after he receives comments from the NSW Government.
8. Awaiting response from NSW Government.
9. No, the Trust is not aware of any visits made by the Minister to HMAS Platypus
10. \$42.791million.
11. Not at this stage.
12. No.