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Senator STEPHENS asked: —And also perhaps some information around the establishment of the Industry Implementation Advisory Group; are you able to tell me—

Mr Buckley—The industry advisory—

Senator STEPHENS—Implementation, yes, advisory group. The costs of establishing—

Mr Buckley—Can I be clear about which group you might be referring to?

Senator STEPHENS—You mean you have more than one?

Mr Noonan—Tourism Australia has industry advisory panels in a number of areas. It is perhaps that area that you are looking at, which advise the board on various matters.

Senator STEPHENS—I have it here as the industry implementation advisory group.

Mr Noonan—No, that sounds more like the minister's advisory panel on the implementation of the white paper, which is nowadays known as the Tourism Minister's Advisory Council. We can certainly give you some detail about the cost of running that council.

ANSWER

Tourism Minister's Advisory Council

The Tourism Minister's Advisory Council (TMAC) is chaired by the Minister for Small Business and Tourism. It has met three (up until April 2007).

Members pay their own expenses (travel, accommodation) to attend meetings for which they do not receive a sitting fee. The Department provides secretariat support.

The cost of the first TMAC meeting was \$5,464, the cost of the second TMAC meeting was \$4,898, and the cost of the third meeting was \$7,007.