

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio
2006-07 Additional Budget Estimates Hearing
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES

TOPIC: *Ethanol Distribution Scheme*

REFERENCE: WRITTEN QUESTION

QUESTION No. AI-65

Senator EVANS asked:— Can the Department confirm that it has budgeted for grants worth \$4.7m, \$7.0m and \$2.3m in the three years from 2006-07?

ANSWER

This is correct.

QUESTION No. AI-66

Senator EVANS asked:— Can the Department confirm that it has budgeted \$1.6m, \$1.2m and \$0.5m in the three years from 2006-07 to administer those grants?

ANSWER

The Departmental funding is as follows:

2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
\$1.618m	\$1.191m	\$0.483m

QUESTION No. AI-67

Senator EVANS asked:— Can the Department confirm what proportion of the total grant funding available the total administrative costs represent for this scheme?

ANSWER

The total funding for this program is \$17.292 million. The Departmental expenditure accounts for \$3.292 million or 19% of total program expenditure. The administered expenditure accounts for \$14 million or 81% of total funding.

QUESTION No.

AI-68

Senator EVANS asked:— Can the Department provide a breakdown and explanation for the expenses related to the administration of this scheme?

ANSWER

Departmental Expenditure includes ASL (staff costs) and Non ASL costs. Non ASL costs for this program include: legal services, marketing and business systems development. Details follow:

ASL (staff)

2006-07: \$1.193m

2007-08: \$0.939m

2008-09: \$0.483m

Non ASL (non staff)

2006-07: \$0.425m

2007-08: \$0.252m

2008-09: \$0m

