

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

Additional Budget Estimates 2009

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Question: AR-5
Topic: Tourism Division Staffing
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Senator Ronaldson asked:

- (a) How many staff are currently employed by the Tourism division of the Department?
- (b) How many staff have resigned since December 2007 (following the change of Government)?
- (c) What amount from the 2008/09 Federal Budget has been allocated to wages and salaries of staff in the Tourism division?
- (d) How many Departmental Liaison Officers (DLOs) with responsibility for the Tourism division are currently working in the Minister's Office?
- (e) How many Tourism division staff have been employed in the Minister's Office as DLOs since December 2007?

Answer:

- (a) As at 25 March 2009, there were 47 staff employed by the Tourism Division of the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism. In addition there were a further four inoperative staff members on long term leave who are nominally held against Tourism Division.
- (b) 9 Tourism Division staff have resigned from the Australian Public Service during the period December 2007 to March 2009.
- (c) \$5.16m has been allocated to wages and salaries of staff in the Tourism Division in 2008/09.
- (d) There is currently one Departmental Liaison Officer (DLO) with responsibility for tourism working in the Minister's Office.
- (e) Since December 2007, there have been two Tourism Division staff employed in the Minister's Office as DLO's. Additionally, two Tourism Division staff members have filled in on a temporary short term basis when required.