Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio

Budget Estimates 2005-2006, 30-31 May 2005

QUESTION No.6

(Hansard 30/05/05, p.E11)

Senator Campbell asked about:

Can you provide a breakdown of the items covered under the line item 'Intangibles' in table 5.2 on page 63 of the 2005-06 PBS?

ANSWER

The item 'Intangibles' consists of internally developed and purchased software and development costs.

QUESTION No.7

(Hansard 30/05/05, p.E11)

Senator Campbell asked about:

Can you provide a breakdown of the items covered under the line item 'Payables – Other' in table 5.2 on page 63 of the 2005-06 PBS?

ANSWER

The 'Payables – Other' figure represents accruals for routine departmental expenses not yet invoiced by suppliers. This is calculated after looking at the trends in prior years to determine the budget estimate for the Portfolio Budget Statements. It is not possible to accurately forecast the level of accruals at the end of any given year.