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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator SHERRY asked:

Do you actually have the precise level of Defence spending, as a proportion of GDP, from 2002-03 through to 2005-06? Frankly, it has been very difficult to get the precise figures from chart 3.13.

Mr Tune—No, as I said, we will have to take all that on notice.

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Senator SHERRY—Can I also have the actual raw figure for Defence spending, as a proportion of GDP, in 2006-07?

Mr Tune—We will take that on notice.

Mr Francis—The number is actually in the text. For 2006-07, it is 1.7 per cent of GDP.

Senator SHERRY—The last peak in that graph, on the right-hand side, looks like it is around 2003-04. Is that slight peak 2003-04?

Mr Tune—I do not know. It looks like it is around that point but, once again, I think we had better take that on notice to pinpoint it for you.

Answer:

Defence spending, % of GDP	
2002-03	1.83
2003-04	1.83
2004-05	1.80
2005-06	1.78

The last peak in the graph on historical defence spending is 1.9% in 2001-02.