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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator Ian Macdonald asked:

Senator IAN MACDONALD—Can you tell me which of those 12 projects is in an electorate not held by the Australian Labor Party?

Ms Madden—No, I am not able to answer that question. We do not do that analysis.

Senator IAN MACDONALD—Do you know which electorate they are in?

Ms Madden—I do not.

Senator IAN MACDONALD—There is an overnight and experience heritage of Parramatta. Parramatta, as you would be aware from your local knowledge, is in a Labor seat?

Dr Boxall—We have not done this analysis.

Senator IAN MACDONALD—Senator Sherry, perhaps, you could answer. You would know that is a Labor seat.

Senator Sherry—I would need to know—

Senator O'BRIEN—The ones in Tasmania definitely are?

Senator Sherry—Yes—Tassie I can vouch for because I know we hold all five seats in Tasmania. But I am not sure of the boundary of Parramatta and where that would be located. I am happy to take it on notice and provide you with the answer.

Senator IAN MACDONALD Thank you. Bateman's Bay township as a holiday destination. Bateman's Bay would be in the Labor electorate of Eden-Monaro?

Senator O'BRIEN—It is not actually; it is in the one further north, which you hold.

CHAIR—The Minister is going to take it on notice—

Senator IAN MACDONALD—He is taking on notice about Parramatta—

Senator Sherry—I think it is in Gilmore but, before we start speculating about which towns and regions are in which electorates, we will take it on notice and we will get you an accurate outline.

Senator IAN MACDONALD—Sorry, Minister, I have forgotten your importance in these estimates.

Senator Sherry—I think you have forgotten where you are now. Just one point you made earlier which was incorrect and which is why I offered to be helpful and take the information on notice: you made a claim that they all appeared to be in Labor electorates. That is not correct. At least one is in Ms Joanna Gash's electorate of Gilmore. There may be others. I am happy to take on notice the analysis in order to ensure you have an accurate picture.

Senator IAN MACDONALD-Thank you.

Senator Sherry—No, that is not right. You have already partly accepted the Great Australian Outback Cattle Drive. We did discuss that one earlier and I did clarify that one for you.

Senator IAN MACDONALD—You told me, but whether I have accepted it is another issue.

Senator Sherry—Sorry, Senator O'Brien, your question?

Senator O'BRIEN—Is that in Maranoa?

Senator Sherry—In the seat of Maranoa? You may be right and, again, it may be one of those. I will take on notice the seats they are in.

Answer:

PROJECT	ELECTORATE	PARTY
Bacchus March Avenue of Honour	Ballarat	ALP
South Perth Old Mill	Swan	LP
Table Cape Lighthouse	Braddon	ALP
Huon Valley Tourism Environmental Audit	Franklin	ALP
Derwent Valley Rail Restoration	Lyons	ALP
Rubyvale Gem Centre	Flynn	ALP
Parramatta Tourism Strategy	Parramatta/Reid	ALP/ALP
Great Australian Outback Cattle Drive	Grey	LP
Batemans Bay Marketing Campaign	Gilmore	LP
Invigoration of the Red Centre	Lingiari	ALP
Creswick Visitor Centre	Ballarat	ALP
Wonthaggi State Coal Mine Visitor Centre	Ballarat	ALP