

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics****ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

Budget Estimates

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**Question:** **BR18**  
**Topic:** **Budget for the Tourism Quality Council of Australia**  
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**Senator Ronaldson asked:**

What was, and is, the total budget for the Tourism Quality Council of Australia for 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16?

**Answer:**

The Tourism Quality Council of Australia (TQCA) does not have a formal budget allocation. It is a body that provides advice and recommendations to the Government on National Tourism Accreditation Framework (NTAF), including issues related to budget expenditure. The funding provided by the Government for the implementation of the NTAF (\$5.491 million over four years from 2010-11) is administered by the Department and is used to:

- Meet the running costs for the TQCA;
- Engage independent assessors to provide the TQCA with an assessment and recommendations on applications from Schemes seeking to join T-QUAL Accreditation;
- Develop and maintain the NTAF Database which supports the collection and distribution of information on accredited businesses (including preferential listing), and the Customer Feedback Management System (CFMS);
- Develop and rollout the T-QUAL Accreditation marketing strategy through Tourism Australia; and
- Support other program costs and administration.

A breakdown of the funding provided for the NTAF from 2010-11 to 2013-14 is provided in the table below.

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
2010-11	\$2,220,000
2011-12	\$1,228,000
2012-13	\$1,308,000
2013-14	\$735,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,491,000</b>

Funding arrangements for T-QUAL Accreditation beyond 2013-14 have not been determined at this stage.