

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES  
**TOPIC:** TCFUA REPORT ON TCF SIP STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PACKAGE  
**REFERENCE:** WRITTEN QUESTION

**QUESTION No.SI-67**

**Senator Carr** asked:

Is the Department aware of the TCFUA's report on the TCF SIP Structural Adjustment Package, released in October?

**ANSWER**

Yes

**QUESTION No.SI-68**

**Senator Carr** asked:

What is the Department's view of the report?

**ANSWER**

The report is under consideration in consultation with DEWR.

**QUESTION No.SI-69**

**Senator Carr** asked:

The program has been underspent each year – by over \$14 million in 2005-06 according to the figures provided during the hearing. How does the Department explain this underspend?

**ANSWER**

The TCS SIP Budget for 2005-06 was \$142,535,000. The amount spent was \$128,171,574 which is an underspend of \$14,363,426. The explanation for the underspend is that the TCF SIP is a demand-driven, entitlement program. Of over 330 claims all but 12 assessments (subject to internal reconsideration) were completed with payments made by 30 June 2006. The 12 reconsiderations were made and where necessary any additional payments were made before the end of the financial year. The number of grants were significantly reduced by sales capping and eligibility issues.