

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates 1 - 2 November 2006

Question: sbt 36
Topic: Treasury expenses
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Senator EVANS asked:

- (1) How much does Treasury spend on staff travel each year?
- (2) Does Treasury buy carbon offsets for that travel through an organisation like Greenfleet?
- (3) Does Treasury measure its carbon emissions? If so, what are they?
- (4) How much did Treasury spend on consultants in 2005-06? How many consultants were contracted by Treasury in 2005-06? Are those figures higher or lower than previous years? What projects did they work on?

Answer:

- (1) Treasury spent the following amounts exclusive of GST for both domestic and international travel:

2003-04:	\$3,365,521.00
2004-05:	\$3,435,655.85
2005-06:	\$4,481,998.15
- (2)-(3) Treasury does not measure carbon emissions. Treasury has Greenfleet membership for its four fleet vehicles.
- (4) Treasury spent \$6,103,024.96 exclusive of GST during the 2005-06 financial year on thirty-six (36) consultants. New consultancies for the 2005-06 financial year over \$10,000 are published in the Annual Report 2005-06 (p. 138-140). Other projects worked on by consultants were:
 - * Legal Services for G-20
 - * HIH Review
 - * Financial Literacy Information Programme
 - * Support Service for software
 - * SAP Accounting System Support Services
 - * Audit
 - * Assess Employee Direct Assist
 - * Social policy research
 - * Staff development programmes:

The amount spent on consultancies in the financial year 2005-06 is higher than the previous three (3) financial years.